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WASHINGTON, D.C., April 11 -- Congressman Bob Dole today sent a telegram to President Johnson urging him to make a strong statement about the riot and civil disorders sections when he signs the civil rights bill passed by the House yesterday.

The text of the telegram:

"I respectfully suggest that when the civil rights act passed by the House yesterday is signed into law that primary emphasis be placed on the provisions dealing with riots and civil disorders. Thirty-nine Americans have died and countless hundreds have suffered as a direct result of lawlessness and civil strife in the past six days. A strong and unequivocal statement that these most important sections will be vigorously and continuously enforced would assist in restoring law and order and preventing further outbreaks of violence throughout our country."

Dole explained later, "that while primary emphasis has been on the 'fair housing' section of the bill, I believe that 95 per cent of all Americans regardless of race, color or creed are at this moment in history more concerned about restoration of law and order and preventing further outbreaks of violence in our country."

"Law and order can be maintained and violence can be prevented," the Kansas Congressman added, "if the President and the Attorney General direct that the riot and civil disorders sections of the newly-passed bill shall be vigorously, impartially, and continuously enforced."