

*Added to Dole's
Also added to Topeka*

FROM: THE DOLE FOR SENATE HEADQUARTERS
603 KANSAS AVENUE
TOPEKA, KANSAS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE JUNE 17, 1968

TOPEKA, Kans., June 17 -- Congressman Bob Dole, candidate for the United States Senate, today became the first candidate for this office in the history of Kansas to file by petition, filing valid petitions from all 105 counties.

Under Kansas law, a candidate may file by payment of a filing fee or by the filing of nomination papers.

"I am extremely grateful to the over 1200 volunteers who circulated the petitions over the entire state," Dole said.

"Each county more than fulfilled the legal requirement. It was particularly heartening to see the enthusiastic response in eastern Kansas where I have not campaigned before."

"The purpose of filing by petition," Dole added, "was not to save paying the filing fee, but to place emphasis on 'grass roots' campaigning as has been my practice in my four campaigns for Congress."

An official count shows that over 18,000 qualified Republican voters signed the petitions from the 105 counties.

To qualify as a candidate for the U.S. Senate, a person filing by petition needs a minimum of one per cent of the statewide vote in the preceding election from 10 counties or one percent of this Republican vote in each of any 20 counties.