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WASHINGTON, D.C, July 20 -- Congressman Bob Dole announced late yesterday before leaving here for Kansas that he plans to introduce legislation soon "to achieve some urgently needed draft reforms."

In a statement issued in his office here, the Congressman said, "The draft law affects more American families in a personal way than almost any other federal program."

"It is essential for our young men and their families and for the nation as a whole that the system operate on an intelligent basis, supplying the needs of our armed forces with absolute equity, complete impartiality and justice," he added.

In a conference Thursday with Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Director of the Selective Service, Dole discussed his ideas on draft reforms.

The Congressman's ideas, which he plans to include in the proposed legislation, are:

- * establishment and enforcement of national standards for occupational deferments;
- * explicit provisions for deferments for all full-time students in good standing at junior and community colleges, and equitable treatment for part-time students in essential fields of study;
- * extension of deferments -- but not exemptions-- to students already in graduate school, allowing them to finish their graduate work before entering military service;
- * removal of the current prohibition against a lottery in order to open other possible avenues of approach to the selection of inductees;
- * giving Congress the power, now held by the President, to suspend student deferments in time of war or national emergency;