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Congressman Bob Dole stated early this morning the past 20 hours in the U.S. House of Representatives have clearly indicated a need for new leadership in the Congress. It was a sad day for the House of Representatives and a dark day in the history of America when the majority party, the Democrats, virtually imprisoned the minority party, the Republicans, so that the majority party might work its will.

Dole stated it was strange to see the spectacle of liberals who cry and bleed for rights of minorities support the motion of Congressman Brock Adams of Washington which required that all doors be locked and that no Member be permitted to leave the Chamber. For all intents and purposes Dole stated, we were under arrest since we were confined to the Chamber and denied freedom of movement.

I predict the Democrat leadership will regret that in their passion to play politics they were willing to ride roughshod over the minority and the American people should be shocked to learn that such proceedings were permitted in the Congress of the United States. Dole stated the initial controversy arose when the Democrat leadership changed the schedule and advanced the equal time proposal ahead of all other business. The effect of the equal time provision would permit the three major candidates for President access to TV without cost. Humphrey has been urging passage of the bill because of what he proclaimed to be a desire to debate Nixon on television. It is also estimated the bill, if enacted, would give Humphrey the equivalent of \$1.5 million free television time.