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WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 21 -- Senator Bob Dole today was appointed to the Senate's Select Committee on Small Business.

Dole said the purpose of the 17-member group, formed in 1949, is to study and investigate the problems of small business enterprises and to aid the Congress in developing remedial legislation. Such areas include taxation, anti-trust activities, international trade and the relationship between small business and government.

"Small business lies at the heart of America's economic development," Dole said. "The security and growth of the overall economy of the nation will depend, in large part, on what we in Congress can do to assist and stimulate the small enterprise now and in the immediate years ahead."