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STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB DOLE (KANS.) UPON THE SENATE'S  
73-16 VOTE CONFIRMING WALTER HICKEL AS SECRETARY OF THE  
INTERIOR:

"The vote was a strong vote of confidence in his ability. It was interesting to note that not a single Senator among those who voted against confirmation questioned either Mr. Hickel's ability or integrity. In my opinion, his public record as Governor of Alaska indicates his strong interest in conservation, and the Senate by its overwhelming vote has reaffirmed the American principle of fair play.

"I join with the vast majority of Kansans in wishing Secretary Hickel, a native of our state, every success in the years ahead."