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Statement of Honorable Bob Dole, Kansas
(Given by Senator Pearson for Senator Dole)

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, I regret a speaking engagement prevents my being present this morning with Senator James B. Pearson to introduce my good friend, Robert Ellsworth. I have been privileged to know Bob Ellsworth long before either of us was interested in politics, and I know him to be a man of great character and integrity.

Every Administration makes some outstanding appointments, and I consider this to be one of them. President Nixon has indicated that strengthening NATO will have high priority in his Administration, and certainly his nomination of Robert Ellsworth as Ambassador to NATO underscores the President's commitment.

Mr. Ellsworth is a personal friend, but aside from this, he is highly qualified as the biographical material before you would indicate.

I am proud to make this statement on his behalf and am confident that every member of this Committee will be impressed with his future efforts.