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WASHINGTON, D.C., May 23 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today introduced a bill to extend the \$30 monthly military separation allowance to families living in government housing.

Dole, who introduced an identical bill in the House last year, noted the \$30 allowance is currently provided for families in off-base housing, if the head of the household is overseas more than 30 days.

"The discrimination now in the law between those families occupying government quarters and those occupying private housing is unjustified and results in serious inequities and financial hardship," he said. "Most out-of-pocket expenses of separated families, regardless of where they live, are similar and are totally unrelated to base-provided services."

The Senator noted the overall categories of costs in operating a split household involve the expenses of the family at home, the extra and duplicating expenses of the servicemen himself overseas and the added expenses of the family unit as a whole.

Pointing out the need for enactment of the bill is particularly evident at Schilling Air Force Base in Salina, the Senator noted, "At Schilling, there is no military bus service, a post exchange operated only on a limited basis and unavailable or inadequate facilities including a hospital, PX, gas station, library and bowling alley."

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Noting "Schilling Manor contains the largest concentration of separated families in government quarters with limited base support in the U.S.," Dole added, "There are about 650 separated families occupying government quarters at Schilling alone, and all are denied a military separation allowance."

If enacted, Dole estimated the bill would require about a year \$2,600,000/to extend the allowance to all U.S. families living in government housing.