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LINDSBORG, KANS., MAY 25 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) in a commencement address to graduates of Bethany College said, "Our outmoded draft system has been a cause of disillusionment on the college campus."

Dole said, "The draft was instituted in 1941 as a temporary emergency measure but has remained with us an institution." He continued, "President Nixon has recognized that the Selective Service Act requires immediate reforms, and has proposed changes that will provide interim relief."

"Under the President's proposal," said Dole, "all males would have an equal chance of being drafted. Although it is contended by some that student deferments add an element of unfairness to the random selection procedure, the President's proposal does not allow the student to escape the pool of potential draftees."

The Senator said, "Most importantly, the amended law would remove much of the uncertainty created by the present system."

Dole concluded, "Although the proposed reforms represent a fair and orderly approach, we must not be deterred from further study of the method by which we can institute a voluntary armed force. The support generated by the discontent with the Vietnam War must be used to devise a system which will provide our country with "sufficient" military force, but not at the expense of infringement on our individual liberty and desire for freedom from unjustified government intrusion."

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