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WASHINGTON, D.C. AUG. 6---Kansas Senator Bob Dole today joined 88 other Senators in defeating an amendment introduced by Senator Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine) to cut off all funds for the ABM.

The vote was 89 against the amendment and 11 for the amendment.

"This was the only clear cut vote there will be on the ABM issue," Dole said. "It cleared the air for many Senators and also should clear up much public confusion because it is now clear that only a handful of Senators opposed any ABM, which a great majority support either full or partial funding for President Nixon's safeguard ABM system.

"Much of my mail indicated there was much confusion about the issue. The great majority of those writing in opposition to the ABM were opposed to the ABM in any form. This has never really been an issue before the Senate.

"The issue has been whether or not the Senate should authorize continued research for the ABM at a cost of approximately \$440 million, or whether in addition to research and development the Senate would authorize an additional \$345 million for actual deployment of the ABM."

Those voting to scrap the ABM were: George Aiken (R-Vt); George McGovern, (D-S.D.); William Saxbe (R-Ohio); Margaret Chase Smith (R-Me); J.W. Fulbright (D-Ark); Gaylord Nelson (D-Wisc); Eugene McCarthy (D-Minn); Edmund Muskie (D-Me); Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn); and Stephen Young (D-Ohio).