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WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 9 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today urged Senate approval of a provision of the tax equalization bill "to remove irritating and unnecessary registration for sporting ammunition."

The ammunition registration provision, now a rider on the tax bill, was cosponsored by Dole as a separate bill in early February. The provision would exclude shotgun shells and metallic ammunition used in rifles from the registration section of the Gun Control Act of 1968.

"Registration entangles millions of dealers and sportsmen in a web of red tape for no sufficient reason," Dole said in a statement in the Senate. "The Treasury Department acknowledges that such regulation serves no valuable end in law enforcement."

"Registration wastes the time and tries the patience of America's gun sportsmen and the dealers who supply them. It unnecessarily burdens many responsible and public-spirited citizens and does not restrict organized crime."