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WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 5 -- "Reform of our draft system is too important to let politics control its disposition," U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said on the Senate floor today.

"The promise of comprehensive reform next year will be of little help to those affected by the draft today or tomorrow. It is my hope that the Senate leadership will not be governed by partisan consideration in deciding on the appropriate action to take on the President's draft reform proposal."

Dole said the bill passed by the House of Representatives is only a "partial answer" to the inequities of the present draft law, "but it would provide relief for the most obvious shortcomings."

"The Senate calendar for the remainder of the year is crowded with matters which require attention," he said, "but in view of the serious disenchantment with the present draft system among our young people, we can find time to consider the President's proposal."

"The major issue is whether the Senate is going to demonstrate the same concern for our youth that has been demonstrated by the President and the House."