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WASHINGTON, D.C. Dec. 18 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today said President Nixon's appointment of a second Presidential Task Force on the Handicapped "completes the ground work for meeting the nation's responsibilities to our handicapped."

Nixon announced formation of a Task Force on the Mentally Handicapped today. A similar task force on the physically handicapped was announced in October.

Dole had urged formation of the task forces in his first major Senate speech last spring.

Two board members are the Senator's wife, Phyllis Dole, and Mrs. Harvey J. Fried, Prairie Village, Kansas.

Mrs. Dole, a registered occupational therapist, has worked at the Percy Jones Army Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan; Kansas Rehabilitation Center for the Blind; New Hampshire State Hospital and the Topeka State Hospital. She is a member of the American Occupational Therapy Association.

Mrs. Fried is the new president of the Kansas Association of Mental Health and has been a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Mental Health for 10 years.

Chairman of the new task force is Mrs. Winthrop Rockefeller, wife of the Arkansas Governor.