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ASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 31 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today escribed his freshman year in the Senate as "intensive, rewarding nd sometimes frustrating."

In a statement issued here, Dole rated the first session of the 'lst Congress as "average".

The second session which convenes January 19, he said, "will nove faster and be more political." Noting 1970 is an election year, he added, "With 34 Senators and 435 House members up for reelection, politics will play an important role in much of the legislation entected in 1970."

Calling them "some areas of prime legislative concern", Dole predicted Congress would enact new legislation concerning agriculture, draft reform, postal reform, voting rights, welfare programs and organized crime. Other subjects which will merit Congressional attention in the second session of the 91st Congress, he said, include air and water pollution, nutrition programs, electoral college revision, revenue sharing and the regular appropriations measures for defense, education and veterans.

In a year-end accounting, Dole said he had answered nearly 95% of all Senate roll calls, and travelled to Kansas 37 times. In addition, he visited 18 other states to make speeches or to attend committee hearings in 1969. He serves on the Senate Committee on agriculture and Forestry, Committee on Public Works, Select Committee on Small Business and the Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Reeds.

"My staff has been particularly busy in 1969, for on an average, we receive about 500 letters and 200 phone calls daily. Our records indicate that about 12,000 Kansans visited the Nation's Capital in 1969 for business or pleasure."