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WASHINGTON, D.C. Jan. 19 -- In his first statement in the second session of the 91st Congress, U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today lauded the the Kansas City Chief's, the team's organization and its fans. The second session opened today.

Dole called his colleagues' attention to the Chief's victory in New Orleans and termed it a "fitting end to the American Football League."

"This year's championship game was a matter of pride for the Chiefs," Dole said. "They played in the first Super Bowl and this year was the last chance for them to represent the AFL in the championship again.

"As if the pressures of meeting the Vikings as 13-point underdogs were not enough, the Chiefs and their quarterback, Len Dawson, spent the week preceeding the Super Bowl under the cloud of careless and unsubstantiated publicity. The victory under such circumstances was a testimony to the team's and Len Dawson's dedication to purpose and belief in their abilities, as well as Coach Stram's confidence in his players.

"Congratulations are also due to the Chiefs' organization and especially Lamar Hunt.

"It was a great day in New Orleans. We all look forward to another great year for the Chiefs in 1970 and to a great era for the new National Football League."