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WASHINGTON, D.C. Feb. 24 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today said that 33 Republican Senators have urged President Nixon to appoint George M. Stafford, a Kansan, as permanent chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Stafford has been on the Commission three years, served as Vice Chairman, and is now serving as Chairman.

In the past, the Chairman of the ICC has been appointed on a yearly basis. Under a reorganization plan approved last year, President Nixon can now designate a permanent Chairman.

Stafford served as Administrative Assistant to former Senator Frank Carlson for a number of years before being appointed to the ICC.

"Stafford is well known by Senators in both parties," Dole said, "and the Republican Senators urging his appointment have indicated he can provide the leadership needed in this important federal agency."