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WASHINGTON, D.C. May 21 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) has joined co-sponsors of a bill which would authorize a massive federal attack upon the problem of alcoholism in the United States.

The Federal Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 would:

*Establish a National Institute for the prevention and control of alcohol abuse and alcoholism within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare;

*Authorize the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, acting through the newly-created Institute, to make grants to and enter into contracts with State and local organizations to carry out activities in the alcohol abuse and alcoholism prevention, treatment and rehabilitation areas. These activities would include construction and staffing of facilities and training and education programs for medical schools;

*Establish an independent Secretary's Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Alcoholism to work with the Secretary of H.E.W. and establish an Intergovernmental Coordinating Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to coordinate all federal prevention, treatment and rehabilitation efforts.

"Alcoholism is a disease which ranks only behind heart disease and cancer as the greatest killer in our society," Dole said. "Industry alone loses an estimated \$7½ billion yearly as a result of alcohol-associated absenteeism, accidents and reduced worker efficiency.

"One out of every three arrests in America is for the offense of public drunkenness.

"The federal government has too-long ignored its responsibilities in this area. Implementation of this legislation would allow us to begin to meet this most-pressing need."