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WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 25--U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.)

today expressed disappointment in the Senate defeat (35-52) of the amendment for an "all volunteer army". "But," Dole added, "The idea is still very much alive."

The Kansas Senator, who co-sponsored the volunteer army proposal, predicted that many who voted against the amendment might change their votes after full and complete committee hearings.

In commenting on the amendment, Dole said, "A voluntary armed forces is a basic and traditional element of our country's history. For more than 170 years out of nearly 200, America's security has been guarded by volunteers, men who were proud to freely serve their flag in defense of freedom."

"Thus, the concept of a volunteer military is neither novel nor foreign to the American tradition. To those who were born in the past three decades, the draft may seem an eternal element of life's equation, along with death and taxes, so proposals for ending it may appear revolutionary. But in effect, the volunteer army is a return to the old-fashioned way of doing things rather than a radical new departure."

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