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WASHINGTON, D.C., NOV. 27, 1970 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today said he would make another attempt to gain Senate approval for a Resolution commending the joint Army-Air Force effort to liberate American prisoners of war held captive by North Vietnam.

The Resolution, brought up for immediate consideration by the Senate on Wednesday, Nov. 25, was objected to by Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.).

"If there is further objection," Dole said, "the resolution could be offered as an amendment to some other bill being considered by the Senate."

Calling the rescue effort "a daring raid" Dole said, "A week ago, a handful of Americans, at tremendous risk to their own lives, made a daring raid within 25 miles of the heart of the enemy capitol in Hanoi. They went on a mission of mercy -- to rescue American prisoners of war.

"Most every American was heartsick that some of the prisoners were not rescued. Most every American -- regardless of party or political persuasion, or view about this war -- surely felt a sense of pride that the United States produces the kind of men with the boldness, imagination and courage to take this kind of risk."

Dole said, "Thirty-four Senators are cosponsors of the commendation Resolution and there will undoubtedly be others. The Resolution is restricted to bravery of the men, not the policy of the war. Those who refuse to do public honor to the men of that mission -- for fear their own position might be 'misunderstood' -- fail to reflect the attitudes of the American people."

The Kansas Senator concluded by saying, "When Americans cease to be able to publicly commend heroes like these -- America will cease to be a great country."