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KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 1 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said in a text prepared for a speech here tonight, "The First Amendment protects all of us, including men and women who choose to be impolite, outrageous and foolish. On the other hand, however, the meek, the orderly and the reasonable have rights too, and their rights must not be sacrificed."

Addressing a Law Day Dinner sponsored jointly by the University of Missouri ^{KC} Law School and the Kansas City Bar Association, the Kansas Senator said, "The great majority that dissent in America today are young people who have chosen to highlight their dissatisfaction by peacefully exercising freedom of expression as it is protected under the First Amendment. Unfortunately, some demonstrators, as seen by some of the actions in Washington last week, and threatened for this week, do not always evidence an equal respect for the law or for those who are charged with enforcing it."

"The question facing our nation today," Dole continued, "is how to insure maximum range for free speech for those who protest and demonstrate, while at the same time, making secure the rights of those who do not protest and are not involved in demonstrations."