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WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 21, 1971 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole has joined in cosponsoring legislation designed to terminate all economic assistance to any foreign country which does not take appropriate steps to eliminate the production, processing and export of narcotic drugs.

Dole said that recent statistics show 200,000 heroin addicts in the United States with 98% of these addicts supporting their drug habit by turning to crime.

The Kansas Senator said that the large portions of illegally used narcotic drugs are smuggled into the United States from foreign countries. "These drugs are readily available," Dole said, "and their use continues to debase, destroy and, in many instances, kill the youth of our Nation."

The proposed legislation would authorize the President to utilize agencies and facilities of the Federal Government to assist foreign countries in their efforts to eliminate the production, processing and export of narcotic drugs. The legislation would also authorize certain forms of assistance to foreign countries cooperating in this program.