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WASHINGTON, D.C., June 22 --- Commenting on Senate votes on the amendments to the Draft Extension bill today, U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) called it "an exercise in futility."

The Senate passed by a vote of 57-42 the Mansfield substitute amendment to the Cook-Stevens Amendment of the Draft Extension bill.

Dole termed the Mansfield substitute "meaningless," adding that "it does not set a timetable, does not cut off any funds and does not demand release of American prisoners of war." "In no way," the Kansas Senator said, "does it tie the hands of the President."

"Today's action on the draft extension bill," he continued, "merely points out that there can be only one Commander-in-chief, and that the President is successfully winding down the war in Indochina," Dole said. "The Senate could best maximize its peace-seeking efforts by fully supporting the President's policy to Indochina," he said.