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DRUG ABUSE LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 2, 1971 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) was pleased today that the Administration's drug control bill was finally acted on by the Senate after having been bottled up in the Congress since June.

Senate Bill 2097, which would establish a drug abuse prevention office in the Executive Office of the President to coordinate federal efforts, passed the Senate this afternoon by a vote of 92 to 0.

Dole, who cosponsored the legislation, explained that the Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention has been operating since June on an Executive Order awaiting approval of Congress.

The Kansas Senator termed the measure "a step in the right direction," adding that "the Special Action Office serves to eliminate red tape and jurisdictional disputes among agencies."