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WASHINGTON, D.C., FEB. 24, 1972 -- Senator Bob Dole has introduced legislation in the Senate to extend the power of attorney to wives of servicemen missing in action or who are prisoners of war for the duration of the time their husbands are listed as missing in action or prisoners of war.

This legislation would make it possible for the wives and families of the missing servicemen to conduct legal affairs using the power of attorney for their missing husbands. The power of attorney for some of the families has expired under present law making it difficult for them to obtain loans for large purchases and to conduct many other matters requiring legal authority.

Senator Dole, a long time leader in the effort to secure the release of our men being held captive said, "The problems of the families of our men missing in action and prisoners of war are far too great now. All possible assistance, both through law and personal comfort should be granted them immediately."