



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C., MAR. 8, 1973 -- Senator Bob Dole appeared before the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee today to testify on the operations of the U.S. Postal Service.

Dole told the Committee that he had received more complaints about mail service than any other government service provided to Kansas. He said that problems most often mentioned included:

- \*Consolidation of rural routes
- \*Reduction of Post Office personnel and operating hours
- \*Possibility of additional postal increases
- \*Possible discontinuance of Sunday delivery service to third and fourth class Post Offices

Dole said that all Kansans, whether from a large or small community, have a right to expect efficient mail service and the U.S. Postal Service should be committed to delivering this service.

"The U.S. Postal Service cannot be viewed as just another business," Dole said, "rather, it must be considered as a public service providing both commercial and social services on which every community relies."