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# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C., MAR. 27, 1973 -- Senator Bob Dole today joined in the introduction of legislation to limit the assessment of recreation user fees scheduled to be charged at federal lakes administered by the Corps of Engineers.

Dole said, "This bill is necessary to clarify the intent of Congress with regard to these fees, and it is required to avoid a completely unnecessary and impractical burden on millions of American families."

Dole said that Kansans were concerned about two aspects of the proposed user fees: a concern with substance--the fees themselves and a concern with the way in which the Corps of Engineers has gone about implementing them.

The Kansas Senator said that the American people were not given adequate notice to respond to the proposed fee increases and the increases were not clearly spelled out.

Dole said that other questions still exist, such as the cost of initiating a fee program and even more important, whether or not Congress ever intended fees to be charged for the use of day recreation areas and other facilities which most visitors could expect to use when they visited lake areas.

"Therefore," Dole said, "I am joining today in the introduction of legislation to make the intent of Congress unmistakable that day use recreational facilities and other ordinary facilities which any visitor might be expected to use, should not be subject to fees."