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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C., APR. 4, 1973 -- Senator Bob Dole spoke this morning to the Seminar on U.S. Activities in International Rehabilitation being held at the State Department in Washington, D.C.

Dole told the audience that the handicapped are very special people because they have special needs, special problems and a very special dedication to overcoming their handicaps.

Dole said that the Senate vote yesterday to sustain the President's veto of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 was in the best interest of both the handicapped and the country as a whole.

The Kansas Senator said that the record of the last four years reveals a firm commitment to the goal of vocational rehabilitation along with generous and increasing support for a wide variety of programs operated under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act. The number of individuals served by Vocational Rehabilitation will have increased more than 50 percent over the past four years to a total of 1.2 million. Dole said, "This is hardly the mark of indifference or hostility to these citizens."

Following yesterday's Senate vote, Dole said, "Another bill -- hopefully along the lines of the Administration proposal introduced Monday -- will receive full approval by Congress and the President."