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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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Senator Bob Dole today announced that on Monday, July 23, he will join with Senator James Allen (D-Ala.) in offering an amendment to prevent automatic pay increases for Members of Congress.

The amendment will require Congressmen and Senators to vote specifically to approve any future pay increases for themselves. As the law currently stands, Presidential recommendations for Congressional salary increases go into effect automatically unless vetoed by either the House or the Senate.

"This is no time to raise Congressional pay", Dole said. "With inflation and control of government spending at the top of any list of domestic concerns, we in Congress should be setting the example in holding down the wage-price spiral. And certainly, we should not be getting so-called 'automatic' pay increases at the same time that other citizens and taxpayers are being told to hold the line on wages and prices."

A measure currently pending in the House of Representatives could make such automatic increases possible by early October, unless the restrictions of Senator Dole's amendment are adopted.