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Washington, D.C. -- In a speech delivered on the Senate Floor this afternoon, Senator Bob Dole introduced a resolution "to end the publicity-laden phase of the Watergate hearings."

The resolution would require the Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities to hold its hearings in executive session.

In introducing the resolution, Dole said, "I believe it is time to turn the excitement and publicity and attention away from Watergate and toward such subjects as the energy crisis, the size of the budget and Congress' methods of dealing with it, interest rates, trade policy and the many other matters being faced each day by the people of Kansas and every other state... And we must deal with them if the country is to continue to move ahead domestically and internationally.

"I would emphasize that this resolution is in no way intended to interfere with the Senate's right to probe the 1972 Presidential campaign (nor) to cast any shadow of disapproval or criticism on the manner in which the Select Committee has conducted its proceedings to date (nor) to interfere with the right of the news media to report on the activities of the Committee or on the issues surrounding the Watergate matter....

"I urge that this resolution receive prompt consideration and favorable approval by the Senate as signal to the American people that the Congress recognizes the priorities of the issues facing the country and is prepared to deal with them in a businesslike and responsible fashion."