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DOLE WELCOMES ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT FOR VETERANS DAY CHANGE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today praised the administration's support for his proposal to restore the date of the Nation's Veterans Day observance to November 11th.

In 1971, Senator Dole introduced the original legislation to restore Veterans Day to its traditional date, and today he expressed the hope that the administration backing might provide the added boost needed to get the measure passed.

"In 1968, Congress passed a law shifting the formal celebration of many national holidays to a Monday," Dole said. "The intent of that action was to provide for a series of three day holidays throughout the year. But in the case of Veteran's Day, the action ignored the very legitimate views of millions of this country's veterans for whom November 11th -- a date of real historic significance to Veterans -- will always be the proper date on which to commemorate the sacrifices of those who fought to preserve our freedom and that of others."

The statement of administration position came in a Presidential message to Congress, sent on Monday, January 28th, in which President Nixon also outlined his proposals for several increases in Veteran's benefits.