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SENATE PASSES BILL TO EXTEND VETERANS EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The Senate today passed, 82-0, a bill similar to Senator Bob Dole's bill extending eligibility for veterans' educational benefits from 8 to 10 years. Dole said he supported today's bill -- since it accomplishes the same purpose as his own -- "in the hope that any delay can be avoided and that we can give assistance to the thousands of veterans who properly deserve it."

Dole had urged rapid passage of the extension of eligibility for 285,000 veterans would have expired on May 31. "In Kansas alone," Dole said, "the estimate of those veterans losing assistance on May 31 reaches as high as one-third of the approximately 12,000 presently attending school."

The bill passed today was authored by the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee.