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SENATE PASSES BUSING LIMIT PROPOSED BY DOLE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--In a reversal of yesterday's action, the Senate today passed a measure to limit forced busing of school children. The amendment was introduced by Senator Dole and Minority Whip Robert Griffin as a slightly modified version of the amendment Dole had introduced late in March. It was further modified during floor action in the Senate.

Dole said he felt "encouraged after Wednesday's vote" when a similar measure failed by only one vote and so decided that another effort "with a few minor modifications had a good chance of success if we tried again today". Dole said that "the full implication of amendments added during floor debate is not known. Now that the measure has passed, for the first time both the House and Senate have gone on record to oppose this controversial, divisive and often counterproductive practice of forced busing which has placed an unfair burden on school districts and parents and children of all races." Dole added.

The provision requires that busing shall be employed as a means of school desegregation only as a "last resort" and that in no event shall any child be required to be bused to a school farther than the one next nearest his home.