



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## VETS' EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS BILL PASSES SENATE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today praised Senate passage of the Conference Report on a Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Benefits Act similar to one introduced earlier by Dole. The Kansas Senator did, however, express regret that partial tuition assistance allowance provisions, contained in his original bill, were not included in the final version. "It was an essential element in the Senate version of this legislation and was approved unanimously by the Veterans' Affairs Committee and the entire Senate." Dole added his hope that a tuition grant program could be considered by the Senate early in the 94th Congress.

Dole said that while fiscal responsibility is of critical importance, he considers the educational benefits provided by this bill "an investment in America's future that will more than repay our initial investment."

Included in the bill passed today are provisions to increase tuition and subsistence payments, extension of entitlement from 36 to 45 months and reduction of limitations on the work-study program. Similar provisions had been contained in Dole's bill.