



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C.--"The significant improvements this bill contains for handicapped people outweigh any reservations I might have about it," Senator Bob Dole said today following his vote to override a veto of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1974. The Senate approve the motion, passed yesterday by the House, to override the veto.

Dole said the bill, which extends the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 for one year, will give state governments more adequate time to prepare their own budgets to meet matching funds from the federal government. "The funding authorization contained in this bill is also substantially improved. The amount of funds for state grants has been raised so that Kansas' share will increase from \$6.9 million to \$7.3 million.

"Two other provisions in this bill are of great personal interest to me and will greatly benefit handicapped people of Kansas," Dole added. "It strengthens the authority of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board by making their authority final and binding.

"The Randolph-Sheppard Act Amendments which I cosponsored should also improve conditions for blind people by giving these individuals a greater opportunity to lead a productive life."