



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE MEETS WITH HANDICAPPED, ELDERLY INTEREST GROUPS TO DISCUSS TAX INCENTIVES

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole held an informal meeting today with representatives of elderly and handicapped interest groups to discuss legislation Dole introduced last month regarding handicapped and elderly persons. Dole's bill, S. 3316, would create a tax incentive for the removal of architectural and transportational barriers to the disabled.

Dole told the group that his bill is aimed at the private business sector, "and is designed to encourage them to make their facilities open to the handicapped and elderly by removing physical barriers. Present law stipulates that public buildings and buildings built with federal funds must be accessible to the disabled but up to this point, there has been little done for the private sector."

Dole said the purpose of the meeting was to exchange ideas, discuss possible changes in the bill, and to organize effective support for the legislation. He added that the bill "provides a necessary step in bringing handicapped and elderly citizens into the mainstream of society. Talk of rehabilitation is pointless if disabled persons are physically restricted from using facilities in the first place. By offering a tax incentive for the removal of barriers, Dole hopes that businesses would take the initiative in ridding their facilities of barriers.

Dole's bill is cosponsored by Senators Percy, Beall, Javits, Stafford, Humphrey, Leahy, Bayh, Griffin, Clark, Hugh Scott and Bartlett.

Representatives from the following groups attended the meeting:

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| American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation     | Mainstream, Inc.                       |
| American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine                 | Gray Panthers                          |
| American Association of Homes for the Aged                   | President's Committee on Employment    |
| American Association of Retired Persons and                  | of the Handicapped                     |
| National Retired Teachers                                    | Rehabilitation Counselors Association  |
| Association of Rehabilitation Facilities                     | Rehabilitation International, U.S.A.   |
| Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation | Rehabilitation Services Administration |
| National Alliance for Businessmen                            | Rehabilitation Services National       |
| National Association of the Deaf                             | Advisory Council                       |
| National Black Lay Catholic Caucus                           | Center Industries                      |
| National Easter Seal Society for Crippled                    | United Cerebral Palsy Association      |
| Children and Adults  | of Kansas                              |
| National Rehabilitation Association                          | United Cerebral Palsy Association      |
| Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc.                          | Veterans Administration                |
| American Foundation for the Blind                            | Disabled American Veterans             |
| Blinded Veterans Association                                 |  |