

# News from Senator

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## DOLE HANDICAPPED AMENDMENT ADDED TO PLATFORM

DETROIT -- An amendment committing the Republican Party to a strong handicapped rights position was offered and accepted by the Republican Platform Committee today.

The amendment offered by Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas), the Senate's leading proponent of handicapped rights, said the following, "The Republican Party strongly believes that handicapped persons must be admitted into the mainstream of society. It also endorses efforts to enable our handicapped population to enjoy a useful and productive life.

"Too often in the past barriers have been raised to their education, employment, transportation, health care, housing, recreation and insurance. We support a concerted national effort to eliminate discrimination in all these areas. Specifically, we support the incentives to the improvement of architecture and transportation policies. We pledge continued efforts to improve communications for the handicapped and promote a healthy, constructive attitude toward them in our society."

According to Senator Dole, "It seemed to me that it was of vital importance that the Republican Platform include specific language concerning handicapped rights."

Dole is also expected to ask that all speeches made at the convention be "signed", thus enabling communication to deaf viewers.