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SENATORS DOLE, JEPSEN AND GRASSLEY REQUEST REPORT
FROM STATE OF IOWA ABOUT MIDWESTERN ADOPTION SCAM

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today joined forces with Iowa Senators Roger Jepsen and Chuck Grassley to request a report from the Iowa Department of Human Services on the problems that State faces in regulating interstate and international adoption services.

Iowa has obtained a temporary injunction order concerning those believed to be involved in a fraudulent adoption service which has already cost hundreds of couples many thousands of dollars in eighteen states and the District of Columbia.

Dole has requested a similar report from the State of Kansas, where at least a dozen couples have filed complaints with the State Attorney General's Office.

Senators Dole, Jepsen and Grassley are considering federal legislative efforts to ensure that prospective adoptive couples throughout the country can be protected in dealings with interstate adoption services.

"To anyone who has looked into this matter, it is clear that a more coordinated effort is needed in the compiling and disseminating of information concerning questionable adoption practices," said Dole.

Last week, Senator Dole sent a letter to Treasury Secretary Donald Regan, asking the Secretary to establish an interdepartmental task force made up of the Internal Revenue Service, the FBI, and other agencies to help coordinate the various investigations currently underway.