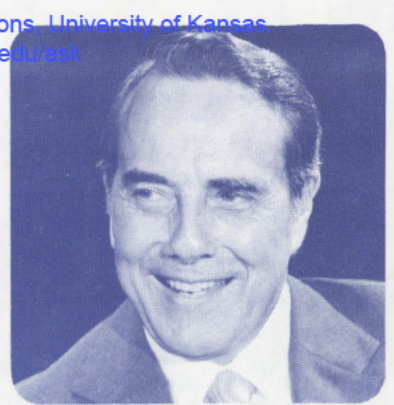


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DOLE STRESSES NEED FOR ENTERPRISE ZONES,
WILL SEEK PROMPT RECONSIDERATION

PHILADELPHIA -- Senator Bob Dole (R-KS) said today that President Reagan's proposal to establish enterprise zones in distressed areas "is a vital element in the fight to ensure that the benefits of economic recovery are shared fairly." Dole made his remarks during a Philadelphia appearance with Senator Arlen J. Specter (R-PA).

"Even in the best of times, there are some areas that economic prosperity seems to bypass. We want to see equal economic opportunity for every city, town, state, and locality in the nation," Dole said. "Enterprise zones can be a vital part of the fight to reach that goal, as the states are already demonstrating. There is no excuse for holding up the President's approach to economic revitalization that we very much need to try at the federal level."

The Reagan administration first proposed enterprise zone legislation in March of 1982. The Senate Finance Committee, which Senator Dole chairs, has approved the legislation on three occasions, and it has passed the Senate twice. On each occasion the Democratically controlled House of Representatives has refused to consider the bill.

"We thought we had a good chance for getting enterprise zones under way in the Deficit Reduction Act awaiting the President's signature," Dole said. "Unfortunately, after a number of conflicting signals from the House side, Chairman Rostenkowski of the Ways and Means Committee informed us that it was 'no go' on enterprise zones. I think that is not an acceptable response, and I intend to move the enterprise zone bill through the Senate again at the earliest opportunity. Even if we acted today, zones would not begin operating until next year. Further delay is hard to excuse, when we have already been waiting more than two years."

"States and localities are making a success of enterprise zones by using their own resources and ingenuity, and that is the kind of innovative leadership that enterprise zones are all about," Dole continued. "But they very much need a push from the federal government as well, and I intend to do whatever I can to see that federal enterprise zone legislation is put on the books this year. The time is right for a new approach to the problem of revitalizing distressed areas."

Dole praised both Pennsylvania Senators for their support of enterprise zone legislation. "Pennsylvania can be proud of Senators Heinz and Specter for their strong support of the President's initiative. Their continuing efforts to champion this much-needed legislation will play a significant role in pushing an enterprise zone bill through Congress," Dole concluded.