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SEN. DOLE'S WASHINGTON OFFICE NOW "TDD" EQUIPPED

Washington, DC -- A new telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) has been installed in the Washington office of Senator Bob Dole.

The device enables persons who have the special equipment in their own home or business and who have speech or hearing impediments to communicate by telephone with Sen. Dole's office.

"More than 177,000 Kansans have some degree of impairment in speaking or hearing ability, and 28,000 of them use the TDD. The TDD will ensure that no constituent is denied telephone access to me," said Sen. Dole.

"The development of the TDD," Sen. Dole noted, "was a major step forward in the elimination of barriers which prevented those with communication disorders from participation in all aspects of our society."

The TDD consists of a small typewriter-like device equipped with a cradle in which the telephone mouthpiece and speaker rests. Callers then type out their message, which is communicated to a similar machine on the receiving end. Two way communication is possible with the TDD.

Kansans using the TDD and wishing to call Sen. Dole's Washington office can call (202) 224-6524 Mondays thru Fridays from 8:00am to 6:00pm and Saturdays from 8:00am to 12:00 noon (CDT) for the service.