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DOLE BILL WOULD AID RESERVE VETERANS

WASHINGTON, D.C.---A bill introduced today by Senator Bob Dole would give qualified persons who served in a National Guard or Reserve unit a 3-point preference eligibility for competitive civil service jobs.

Dole said his bill would rectify an inequity that exists in the government's hiring preference for veterans of military service--the provision that specifically excludes veterans of National Guard and Reserve Units. "Despite the fact that these men and women--all volunteers--have spent an initial period of several months in active duty training, and despite the fact that many remain 'on call' for their country for an additional six to eight years," Dole said, "these individuals receive no federal employment benefits whatsoever."

"This measure may well help to bolster the sagging reserve enlistment trend which has developed in the past two years since suspension of the draft," Dole said. He added that it should not create any adverse effect on the Civil Service and that a 3-point preference will not put anyone else at a serious disadvantage.

Dole's measure would accord the hiring preference to men and women who have satisfactorily participated in the selected reserve of the ready reserve for a period of at least 12 consecutive months.