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DOLE TO BE LEAD WITNESS IN SUPPORT OF DIRECT POPULAR ELECTION

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole will be the lead-off witness tomorrow in Senate hearings on a proposed Constitutional amendment that would provide for direct popular election of the President and Vice President. Dole, who will appear with Senator Hubert Humphrey, was also the first witness during Senate hearings on a similar proposal in September, 1973. Dole was a cosponsor in 1973, and is again this year.

The Kansas Senator pointed out that since 1973, "I have had the rare opportunity to experience first-hand the sometimes conflicting roles which the Electoral College and the popular vote play in our Presidential elections. As a result of that experience, my convictions regarding the need for electoral reform remain just as strong." A shift of less than 10,000 popular votes in 2 states in the 1976 Presidential election would have given the Ford-Dole ticket a majority of votes in the Electoral College, with the Carter-Mondale ticket retaining a majority of popular votes.

The hearings will take place in the Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments of the Senate Judiciary Committee.