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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE CALLS FOR TOUGHER ANTI-TERRORIST LAWS

MIAMI, FLA. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) called Tuesday for the enactment of tougher anti-terrorist legislation.

He said Congress should set clearly understood limits for what is not negotiable whenever individuals or groups threaten the lives of hostages.

Dole also proposed a general tightening of the Bail Reform Act of 1967. A bill that he said he planned to introduce in the Senate this week would give judges more authority to require bail pending trial when the accused has been charged with a crime involving mass kidnappings and violence or threat of violence.

A group of Hanafi Muslims held 124 hostages in three Washington buildings last week. The leader, Hamaas Abdul Khaalis, was released without bail. He was charged with armed kidnapping.

"Unless our society can devise a method of defending itself against such despicable deeds, we are worse off than anyone could have imagined," Dole declared in a Tuesday evening speech.

HONOR BUSINESS LEADERS

He made the remarks while addressing a banquet at the Doral Country Club sponsored by the Greater Miami Achievement Hall of Fame. Charles Crandon and two deceased business leaders, Eddie Rickenbacker and Julia Tuttle, were honored for their contributions to the development of the Miami metropolitan area. Crandon, who is 90 years old, attended the banquet with his wife.

The legislation that Dole said he would sponsor would alter the Bail Reform Act. The provisions of that law require only that a judge has reasonable assurance that a defendant will appear to answer the charges before he is released without bail.

Dole said his sense of right and wrong was offended by last week's release of Khaalis on his promise not to leave the country or engage in more terrorism before he is tried.

ECONOMIC POLICY

The Senator also discussed economic policy in his Miami appearance. He described 1977 as a critical year for fiscal and budgetary policy.

The Senate Finance Committee, of which Dole is a member, began drafting changes to the House-passed economic stimulus bill Tuesday. Dole said he hoped the final measure would include a permanent reduction in income tax rates for individuals and businesses (instead of the one-shot tax rebate recommended by President Carter); and a combination of an increase in the investment tax credit and a special tax credit for employers who add new workers to their payrolls in this period of high unemployment.

He said the rebate proposed by the President would not come close to making up for this winter's high heating bills in the North.

"It would do very little toward putting more spendable dollars back in the pockets of consumers," the Senator added.