



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## THE DOLES -- COMMISSIONER VS. SENATOR -- DEBATE REGULATORY POWER

ST. LEO, FLA. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) and his wife, Federal Trade Commissioner Elizabeth Hanford Dole, took opposite sides of the debate over the scope of government regulations Sunday as they shared the commencement address at St. Leo College. Both received honorary degrees from the college.

The Senator, who spoke first, said that federal regulations have become too burdensome for businessmen and too costly for consumers. "The government is literally exploding with regulations," he declared, and said regulation now tends to promote monopoly, raise consumer prices, and discourage innovation. "Some of you here today could probably make a good living just trying to keep up with new regulations for your employer -- but it would be a hard question whether the first thing you would lose would be your eyesight or your sanity," Senator Dole added.

Commissioner Dole retorted that perhaps the Federal Trade Commission's proposed eye-glass regulations would alleviate the Senator's problem. She pointed out that the "trick is to know the difference," between constructive regulation that should be defended and harmful regulation that should be abolished.

Even greater opportunities to contribute to society exist in government than exist in the private sector, Commissioner Dole said. "There is no need for you to be the civil servant who spins out more and more pages of regulatory nonsense; you can be the person who cleans it up .... you can be the conciliator who helps to resolve disputes before they erupt .... you can be an efficient aide who helps people find the answers to their most pressing questions about medicare, medicaid, taxes, child support, or unemployment benefits," she told the graduates.

The Doles made a joint appearance at the commencement exercises of St. Leo College, a small Catholic institution founded by the Benedictine monks in 1889.

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(full texts of both speeches attached)