



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE PLEDGES CONTINUED SUPPORT TO KANOMBE

OVERLAND PARK, KAN. -- Pledging his continued support to the Kansas Office of Minority Business Enterprise, <sup>Enterprise</sup> Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said, in remarks prepared for delivery Friday, that the program has made steady progress and should now be authorized by law instead of by presidential executive order.

A bill that also would double the budgeted spending authority for the Business Enterprise program in the next fiscal year was co-sponsored by Dole and Sen. Charles McC. Mathias (R-Md.). It is awaiting a Senate committee hearing.

Minority Americans deserve additional business opportunities to start on an even footing, the senator declared at a dinner meeting of KANOMBE, the Kansas Office of Minority Business Enterprise, in Overland Park.

A government program should never be big enough to guarantee success, Dole asserted, because then it would "be so big that it would necessarily restrict all our freedoms, so big that it would also take back nearly everything in taxes to pay for what it is doing."

## OMBE RIGHT KIND OF PROGRAM

He described OMBE as the right kind of program. "It opens doors, but it does not dictate which pathway to follow. It provides opportunity, but it doesn't prescribe a course of action. It doesn't assure success or even partial success. But neither does it limit in any way the potential available to an industrious businessman or woman."

Created in 1969 in the Commerce Department, OMBE provides technical assistance to minority businesses when they start up and after they are in operation.

Programs which ultimately put their faith in the private enterprise system are more likely to be successful than are public service employment and public works projects, Dole said.

He also cited the employment tax credit in the tax bill that is awaiting President Carter's signature -- and the need to eliminate unnecessary government regulation -- as steps that can help all Americans get ahead.

Both the private enterprise system and the political system are in need of a good word, the senator declared. He said the political system in the United States was "threatened not by a foreign enemy or a domestic insurgent but by apathy." He advised the KANOMBE supporters to "get involved" in politics.