



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE OPPOSES CONSUMER PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON -- In a speech today following the speech of Federal Trade Commissioner Elizabeth Hanford Dole, who spoke in favor of the Consumer Protection Agency proposal, Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan) said the new agency would be unnecessary.

The Doles took opposite sides of the consumer advocacy agency debate in a joint appearance before the convention of the American Advertising Federation.

Responding to his wife's remarks, the Senator contended that it would be illogical to create a new federal agency to police the old ones. He said Congress and the President should be able to see to it that the existing regulatory bodies are doing their job, rather than "an independent super-agency".

CONSUMER INTERESTS NOT ALL THE SAME

He suggested further that all consumers do not have identical interests and that the only proper role of government is to represent the broad public interest.

Dole actively supported consumer protection legislation in 1970, 1974, and 1975. But he said it is time this year to "follow the President's lead and put our governmental house in order" rather than superimposing a further level of federal bureaucracy on the regulatory structure. "The old ostrich approach of funding a new bureaucracy to solve a particular problem is a practice whose time has come and, to the relief of most Americans, gone," Dole declared.