

News from Senator

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DOLE: CAPITOL BOMB DESTRUCTION WIDER THAN REPORTED  
POTENTIAL CASUALTIES AVERTED BY SCHEDULE CHANGE

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today revealed that the aftermath of an explosion in the United States Capitol last night was more extensive than first reported.

Dole made the comment after inspecting the damage near the Senate where a time bomb exploded shortly after 11:00pm Monday.

"We are very lucky indeed. The Senate was originally scheduled to be in session last night, but an agreement was worked out late yesterday to hold Senate business until the morning," said Senator Dole. "Had we been in session, serious injuries would no doubt have resulted in light of the glass that flew like bullets across the Senate Republican cloakroom last night where members meet and many young pages work."

Dole noted that the glass from several phone booths, windows, and a skylight was scattered over the entire cloakroom. Additionally, large chunks of plaster and wood were seen in the Senate hallway.

"It's frightening to think what might have happened. It appears that those responsible for the sneak attack knew the Senate would be working late. We are fortunate a last-minute schedule change averted a real tragedy. In my view, this incident calls into question the security at the Capitol. Changes have already been made and it seems a return to the security standards of old will not be possible," said Senator Dole.