

News from Senator

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## DOLE STATEMENT ON CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION CONTROVERSY

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole, currently in California for a number of speaking engagements, released the following statement on the controversy over yesterday's appointments to the Civil Rights Commission:

"During the negotiations, I spoke to Congressman Michel, at which time he advised me he had no objection to appointing Jill Ruckelshaus and I conveyed this message to the civil rights groups. Since that time, Ms. Ruckelshaus has made certain public statements which led, according to some reports, to Rep. Michel's decision not to appoint her. I know that Senator Baker is currently considering a number of highly qualified Republican candidates for the Commission, consistent with suggestions during the compromise negotiations.

Overall, I believe that we will have a Commission with a strong independent voice. Having worked in good faith, I regret some of the comments attributed to civil rights leaders."