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DOLE CALLS ON PRESIDENT TO QUICKLY APPOINT AIDS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) CALLED ON PRESIDENT REAGAN TO QUICKLY APPOINT A "BROAD-BASED COMMISSION" ON AIDS.

Dole commended the President for expressing his concern about AIDS, and identifying it as today's number one public health enemy.

On April 10, the Senate approved a resolution authored by Senator Dole calling on the President to establish such a commission. And the President's domestic policy advisers have recommended the commission as well.

"I am very encouraged by this recent action of the President, as are other members of Congress. It is important for us to continue to promote his leadership in this area. We would additionally encourage the President to appoint a broad-based commission which would not allow any one interest group to dominate the debate," Dole said.

"AIDS is not a partisan issue. It is a national public health issue and should be treated as such. The best minds should be assembled as soon as possible," Dole added.