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DOLE APPOINTS KU DEAN TO NATIONAL EDUCATION & STANDARDS COUNCIL

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole, (R-KS) today announced his appointment of Dr. Edward Meyen, of Lawrence, Kansas, to the National Council on Education Standards and Testing.

"Dr. Meyen is uniquely qualified to serve on this high level Council through his hands on experience with testing standards and his perspective as a teacher," Dole said. "This type of assessment is significant to the Council's study of whether a national test will best serve our nation's children. An added plus that Ed will bring to the Council is his experience with special education programs. The Council lacks someone with this focus, and Ed will be a strong voice for the disabled in making certain that education standards are for all, not some of our kids," Dole added.

The National Council on Education Standards and Testing was created to provide advice on the desirability and feasibility of national standards and testing in education. The Council is composed of 32 members. Dr. Meyen will join the Deputy Secretary of Education and many high level officials in government and the private sector on this Council.

"With his background in teacher education, Dr. Meyen brings a valuable and important perspective to the Council. Standards and tests do nothing. It is the skill and ability of the classroom teacher in interpreting and using them that will make the difference," said Senator Nancy Kassebaum, the Ranking Member on the Senate Subcommittee on Education, Arts, and Humanities.

Dr. Meyen is Dean of the School of Education and Professor of Special Education at the University of Kansas. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa and has done extensive research on special education. He also serves on the technical advisory committee of the Dole Foundation, a non-profit organization whose mission is employment of people with disabilities. Dr. Meyen is married and has five children.