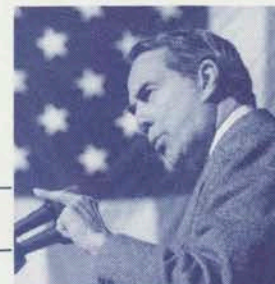


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FROM:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1993

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DOLE AMENDMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS), A LONG-TIME ADVOCATE FOR FULL PARTICIPATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, WON FULL SENATE APPROVAL TO INCLUDE AN AMENDMENT EARMARKING FUNDS TO BRING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES INTO NATIONAL SERVICE. DOLE'S AMENDMENT WAS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE TRUST ACT, WHICH PASSED THE SENATE TODAY.

INTRODUCED ONE WEEK AFTER THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, DOLE'S AMENDMENT WAS PROMPTED BY A CONCERN THAT WITHOUT SPECIFIC FUNDING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL SERVICE.

"ALTHOUGH EACH OF MY AMENDMENTS ARE IMPORTANT, PERHAPS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INVOLVES PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. IT RESERVES UP TO \$10 MILLION OF DISCRETIONARY SPENDING TO FUND OUTREACH PROGRAMS AND OFFSET SOME COSTS OF ACCOMMODATIONS," SAID DOLE.

"NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THIS ACT AND THE ACCOMPANYING REPORT DID A GOOD JOB OF INCLUDING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. BUT IF WE DO NOT PROVIDE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO PROMOTE ACCESS, OUR WORDS WILL BE HOLLOW. IT IS PAST TIME THAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES BE ALLOWED TO MAKE THEIR CONTRIBUTION AS VOLUNTEERS AND BE HELD TO THE SAME STANDARD OF CITIZEN DUTIES AND NATIONAL SERVICE AS OTHERS. MY AMENDMENT MAKES GOOD ON THAT COMMITMENT," ADDED DOLE.

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