

NRA's Legislative Priorities

- Supports full funding of all programs authorized by the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended. It is a cornerstone in the governmental effort at the federal, state, and private sector levels to assist Americans with disabilities in their efforts to achieve meaningful employment and self-sufficiency.
- Supports the *Americans with Disabilities Act*, which would prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in areas such as employment, housing, public accommodations, travel, communications, and activities of state and local governments.
- Supports the proposed *Social Security Work Incentives Act* of 1989 which would address the elimination of disincentives to employment of persons with disabilities in Social Security programs.
- Supports legislation intended to revolutionize the Medicaid program into one that is tailored to meet the needs of each individual with a disability.
- Supports legislation providing tax incentives to employers who hire persons with disabilities, including Job Training Partnership Act and Targeted Jobs Tax Credit provisions.
- Supports legislation designed to assist in the availability of affordable, accessible housing in the United States.
- Supports legislation to promote the availability of accessible public transportation in the United States.

Rehabilitation is Cooperation

The National Rehabilitation Association maintains cooperative relationships with a wide range of organizations and groups concerned with rights and services for persons with disabilities.

State rehabilitation and other public and private agencies cooperate with a wide array of programs of health, education, and training to provide services to persons with disabilities.

Rehabilitation enables persons with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy a full and meaningful participation in all of life's activities.

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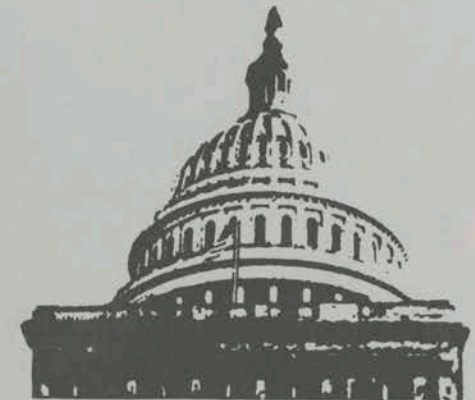
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Promoting Rehabilitation Progress



National Rehabilitation
Association

"The Voice of Rehabilitation"

Rehabilitation

*A Cost Effective,
People Responsive Program*

Economic and personal independence for people with disabilities has long been a basic goal of the nation's rehabilitation programs. As one of America's oldest human service efforts, since 1921, a partnership of state, federal, private and volunteer efforts has helped make that goal a reality for millions of Americans with disabilities.

Originally a program concentrating only with employment-related services, rehabilitation has expanded dramatically over the years. Today, these partners provide a comprehensive array of rehabilitation services to assist people with physical or mental disabilities to enter or retain employment or to otherwise lead more fully functioning lives as contributing members of American society.

Rehabilitation works in America, and is a national investment that pays for all of us. Each of these partners plays a vital role in this comprehensive, economically sound program:

The State Partner Provides:

- State-generated financial resources
- State-level responsiveness
- Coordination of local services for maximum cost-effectiveness

The Federal Partner Provides:

- Nationwide financial resources
- Nationwide, coordinated research and training programs
- Nationwide program standards and assurance of access to services

The Private Partner Provides:

- Competitive, cost-effective services
- Access to local employers
- Community volunteer efforts
- Financial resources from business and industry

Rehabilitation

What It Does for All of Us

- Persons with disabilities achieve greater personal and economic independence.
- Persons with disabilities contribute their time and talents to their communities, as full participants.
- Rehabilitation services are highly cost beneficial. Dollars are returned to state and federal governments with every citizen with a disability who becomes a taxpayer.
- Our nation's economy improves with the utilization of the productivity of persons with disabilities.
- Employers are provided a ready source of qualified workers.
- Monies to provide rehabilitation services are spent in local communities throughout the nation.
- Locally run programs with national support assure high quality services, the proper use of taxpayers' monies, and responsiveness to local needs.

It Pays off for All of Us!

NRA Mission and Purpose

Founded in 1925, the National Rehabilitation Association is a private voluntary organization whose purpose is to enhance the quality of lives for persons with disabilities. NRA achieves its purpose through:

- *Legislative Advocacy*, including support for a wide variety of rehabilitation and other legislation for programs serving people with disabilities.
- *Advocacy for the Removal of Barriers*, architectural and attitudinal, barriers to full enjoyment of the rights and benefits of American citizenship. The National Rehabilitation Association has a long history of appropriate court action when needed.
- *Increasing Public Awareness* of the rights and needs of persons with disabilities.
- *Improving Professional Skills*, NRA and its professional divisions sponsor educational conferences and workshops, support the Mary E. Switzer leadership seminars, publish the *Journal of Rehabilitation*, and other special publications on critical topics.
- *Promoting the Highest Standards* for rehabilitation programs.

The National Rehabilitation Association, with a membership of approximately 20,000, operates its programs through seven divisions and regions as well as state chapters nationwide. Its newest membership category encompasses consumers of rehabilitation services and their families who share its broad legislative and advocacy efforts.

SENATOR BOB DOLE
NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION SPEECH
345 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
MARCH 13, 1989

THE INAUGURATION OF GEORGE BUSH ON JANUARY 20
REPRESENTED A NEW BEGINNING, AND A NEW ERA IN
LEADERSHIP FOR THIS COUNTRY. PRESIDENT BUSH HAS
PLEDGED TO FULFILL HIS CAMPAIGN PROMISES TO SET
SOME NEW PRIORITIES FOR A "KINDER, GENTLER"
AMERICA. THE STRIDES MADE THUS FAR, FOR PEOPLE
WITH DISABILITIES, WILL CONTINUE WITH COOPERATIVE

WORK BETWEEN THIS ADMINISTRATION, CONGRESS AND,
MOST IMPORTANT, YOU, TO ESTABLISH THE LEADERSHIP
AND EXCHANGE NECESSARY TO PROMOTE FULL
INTEGRATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN SOCIETY.

AS PRESIDENT BUSH HAS STATED, "I PLEDGE THAT MY ADMINISTRATION WILL DO AWAY WITH "HIRE THE HANDICAPPED WEEK" AND REPLACE IT WITH FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT GIVES PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES THE SAME PROTECTION IN PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT THAT IS NOW ENJOYED BY WOMEN AND MINORITIES.

AMERICA'S DISABLED CITIZENS ARE PERHAPS OUR GREATEST RESOURCE OF UNTAPPED HUMAN POTENTIAL. WORKING TO OPEN SOCIETY TO GREATER PARTICIPATION BY THE DISABLED WILL IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE NOT ONLY, FOR THE DISABLED, BUT FOR ALL AMERICANS.

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD, THE ADMINISTRATION WILL BE
MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT HOW IT INTENDS TO STRENGTHEN
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO
DISABILITY PROGRAMS. THE PRESIDENT HAS STATED HIS
INTENT TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF DISABLED PERSONS
AND PARENTS OF DISABLED PERSONS APPOINTED TO KEY
POSITIONS IN HIS ADMINISTRATION.

A STRONG FEDERAL LEADERSHIP ROLE INVOLVES
MORE THAN INCREASED FUNDING. IN HIS WRITTEN
BUDGET DOCUMENT, THE PRESIDENT GIVES SIGNIFICANT
EMPHASIS TO PROGRAMS FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES, INCLUDING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.

GREATER EFFORT IS NEEDED TO COORDINATE THESE
PROGRAMS TO ASSURE THAT ALL PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES ARE PROPERLY SERVED. SELF SUFFICIENCY
AND REDUCED BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT ARE KEY IN
REMOVING DEPENDENCY.

IT WAS LEADERSHIP AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL THAT
GENERATED THE GREATEST VOCATIONAL AND
EDUCATION REFORM IN THIS COUNTRY. A FEDERAL-STATE
PARTNERSHIP HAS PRODUCED GREAT STRIDES IN
IMPROVING THE REHABILITATION OF ALL PEOPLE WITH
MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DISABILITIES. THE 69 YEAR-OLD
STATE FEDERAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM WHICH YOU
ALL SO PROFESSIONALLY IMPLEMENT, IS THE
CORNERSTONE OF OUR NATION'S EFFORTS TO ASSIST
AMERICANS WITH

DISABILITIES TO BECOME GAINFULLY EMPLOYED, AND
SELF RELIANT. AS A RESULT, OVER 80 PER CENT OF
THOSE REHABILITATED THUS FAR, HAVE ENTERED
COMPETITIVE EMPLOYMENT. THAT IS A RECORD TO BE
PROUD OF, AND ONE TO BUILD UPON THROUGH
INCREASED INCENTIVES.

THE PROBLEMS THAT CONTINUE TO FACE CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES ARE COMPLEX -- THEIR SOLUTIONS
REQUIRE A CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO QUALITY
SERVICES AND IMPROVED COORDINATION AND
IDENTIFICATION OF PROGRAMS THAT WORK.

THE 1986 HARRIS POLL, INDICATED THAT TWO-THIRDS
OF ALL DISABLED PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND
64 ARE UNEMPLOYED, -- BUT THAT 66% OF THOSE PEOPLE
WANT TO WORK.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN PROVIDE
OPPORTUNITIES THAT ALLOW AN INCREASE OF
AMERICANS, (WHO JUST HAPPEN TO BE DISABLED), INTO
THE WORKFORCE. CERTAINLY, INITIATIVES DURING THE
101ST CONGRESS WILL FOCUS ON THIS. CONGRESS
MUST AGAIN, JOIN IN A BIPARTISAN EFFORT TO ASSURE
LEGISLATION WHICH WILL REMOVE ANOTHER WORK
DISINCENTIVE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
PARTICIPATING IN THE SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY
INSURANCE (SSDI)

PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, CONGRESS MUST WORK TO
IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DISABILITY
ADVISORY COUNCIL'S REPORT TO INCREASE THE
SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY (SGA) LEVEL TO REFLECT
THE AVERAGE WAGE GROWTH SINCE IT WAS LAST
ADJUSTED. FOR MANY DISABLED INDIVIDUALS, THE RISK
THAT THEIR OWN EARNED INCOME CANNOT COVER
NECESSARY MEDICAL EXPENSES, IS TOO GREAT A RISK,

AND THUS, DISCOURAGES INCENTIVES FOR FULL
PARTICIPATION AND INTEGRATION IN THE WORKFORCE
OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN PROVIDE GREATER
OPPORTUNITIES AND INCENTIVES TO ASSURE THAT
PROGRAMS WHICH SERVE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
PROMOTE INDEPENDENCE, WITH THE FREEDOM TO
CHOOSE AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC MAINSTREAM. THIS GOAL CANNOT BE MET,

HOWEVER, WITHOUT THE INTIMATE INCLUSION OF PEOPLE
WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR PARENTS IN THE PROCESS --
IF WE ARE TO ENSURE THAT THEIR REAL NEEDS ARE
ADDRESSED.

WHILE THE HARRIS POLL SIGNIFIES THAT PEOPLE
WITH DISABILITIES HAVE NOT BEEN INTEGRATED IN THE
WORKFORCE, THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE 36 MILLION
DISABLED AMERICANS BELIEVE THAT THEIR LIVES HAVE
IMPROVED IN THE PAST DECADE. ATTITUDES TOWARD

DISABLED PEOPLE ARE CHANGING AND IN A POSITIVE
DIRECTION WITH MORE DISABLED PEOPLE THAN EVER
BEING EDUCATED AND REHABILITATED. LET US USE THE
PROGRESS MADE THUS FAR, TO ENCOURAGE GREATER
OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DISABILITY RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

BUDGET PRIORITIES

AS THE INCOMING PRESIDENT, GEORGE BUSH
RECOMMENDED SIGNIFICANT EMPHASIS BE GIVEN TO
PROGRAMS SERVING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES,
INCLUDING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.

MAKING MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF TAXPAYER
DOLLARS IS A SKILL THAT WE WILL HAVE TO REFINE IN THE
UPCOMING YEARS. HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT, HAS
INDICATED HIS DESIRE TO HAVE PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITIES A PART OF MAINSTREAMED LIFE IN AMERICA,
INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT. I AM CONFIDENT CONGRESS
WILL REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH THE ADMINISTRATION
AND WILL LOOK AT THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF
INCREASING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE
WITH DISABILITIES.

DISABILITY PRIORITIES

THE MAJOR DISABILITY THEMES UNDER PRESIDENT
BUSH WILL BE ACCESS, OPPORTUNITY, INDEPENDENCE
AND INTEGRATION -- ALL FACTORS IN THE SUCCESS OF
THE INDIVIDUAL.

IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS THE
FOLLOWING MUST VIGOROUSLY BE PURSUED:

- o ENCOURAGE THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO
WORK MORE AGGRESSIVELY IN HIRING
DISABLED PEOPLE INCLUDING EDUCATING
THE EMPLOYERS, THAT STATISTICS CLEARLY
SHOW THAT, OTHER THINGS BEING EQUAL,
DISABLED EMPLOYEES PERFORM EQUALLY AS
WELL OR BETTER THAN NON DISABLED
PEOPLE IN COMPARBLE JOB SITUATIONS.
- o TRAIN PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES FOR JOBS
THAT EXIST WHERE THEY LIVE.

- o ELIMINATE DISINCENTIVES, THAT

DISCOURAGE DISABLED PERSONS WHO WISH

TO WORK, BUT CANNOT, FOR FEAR THAT THEY

RISK LOSING THEIR BASIS OF SUPPORT AND

HEALTH BENEFITS.
- o IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION AND WORK

PLACE ACCESSIBILITY FOR EXISITNG

FACILITIES AND INSIST ON ACCESSIBILITY FOR

ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION.

- o SUPPORT INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS TO
ASSIST DISABLED PERSONS WITH THE
TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE.

- o URGE PRIVATE INSURERS TO FIND WAYS TO
INCLUDE, NOT EXCLUDE, DISABLED WORKERS
IN THEIR PROGRAMS.

DISABLED INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT A SMALL, UNIFORM
MINORITY WITH NARROW INTERESTS. THE DISABILITY
COMMUNITY INCLUDES EVERY RACE, CULTURE, AGE, SEX

AND ECONOMIC CLASS. IN OTHER WORDS -- DISABILITIES
HAVE NO BOUNDARIES -- WITH MEMBERSHIP OPEN TO
ALL. MOST OF US WHO LIVE OUR FULL LIFESPAN WILL
JOIN THIS COMMUNITY SOONER OR LATER.

THE 101ST CONGRESS OUTLOOK

THE 101ST CONGRESS WILL ADDRESS A RANGE OF
ISSUES OF INTEREST TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. I
AM HOPEFUL THAT THIS CONGRESS WILL

ENACT LEGISLATION WHICH WILL CAPTURE THE GOAL OF
INTEGRATING DISABLED AMERICANS FULLY AND EQUALLY
INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF AMERICAN LIFE. THIS CAN
ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY INCREASING THE
INDEPENDENCE OF DISABLED AMERICANS.

LEGISLATION ENCOMPASSING GREATER
PARTICIPATION BY THE DISABLED INCLUDE:

- o A COMPREHENSIVE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL FOR
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHICH PROHIBITS
DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF A
DISABILITY -- IN THE AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT,
PUBLIC ACCOMODATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS,
TRANSPORTATION, AND ACTIVITIES OF STATE
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES

MUST SHARE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND
CIVIL RIGHTS OTHER MINORITIES ENJOY
UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION.

- o MEDICAID REFORM TO REMOVE THE
"INSTITUTIONAL BIAS" OF MEDICAID --
MANDATING, INSTEAD, FAMILY, HOME AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES. INCLUDED IN THIS
REFORM ARE SUPPORTS WHICH ALLOW
INDIVIDUALS TO BENEFIT FROM INCREASED

INDEPENDENCE, PRODUCTIVITY AND
COMMUNITY INTEGRATION. SENATOR
CHAFFEE HAS ALREADY INTRODUCED THIS
LEGISLATION, OF WHICH I AM PROUD TO
SUPPORT.

- o WITH REGARD TO REAUTHORIZATION, TWO
PIVOTAL PIECES OF AUTHORIZING
LEGISLATION WHICH WILL HAVE A GREAT
IMPACT ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND
WHICH ARE TO BE STRENGTHENED THIS YEAR

ARE THE EDUCATION FOR ALL HANDICAPPED
CHILDREN ACT (P.L. 94-142) AND THE CARL D.
PERKINS, VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ACT OF
1984 (P.L. 98-524). BOTH THESE PIECES OF
LEGISLATION WILL UNDERGO REFINEMENT IN
ASSURING THAT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
SERVING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, ARE
STATE-OF-THE-ART AND CONTINUE TO
PROVIDE GREATER OPPORTUNITIES AND
QUALITY PROGRAMMING.

- o AS I STATED EARLIER, I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK IN
A BIPARTISAN EFFORT TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION
THAT WILL REMOVE WORK DISINCENTIVES IN THE
SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE (SSDI)
PROGRAM. SEN. RIEGLE AND I WILL SOON
INTRODUCE THE "SOCIAL SECURITY WORK
INCENTIVES ACT." THE BILL WOULD CREATE A WORK
INCENTIVE PROVISION IN TITLE II OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY ACT, WHICH ALLOWS

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE

BENEFICIARIES TO WORK AND EARN ABOVE THE

SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY (SGA) LEVEL AND

STILL RETAIN REDUCED CASH BENEFITS, AS WELL AS,

ACCESS TO MEDICARE.

THE 100TH CONGRESS SAW PASSAGE OF MANY

IMPORTANT PIECES OF LEGISLATION FOR PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITIES. IT IS TIME FOR A SHARED EFFORT BY ALL OF

US TO EXCELL AGAIN THIS CONGRESS. OPPORTUNITIES

ARE LIMITED ONLY BY OUR OWN CAPACITY TO

CHALLENGE OURSELVES.

March 13, 1989

TO: Senator Dole
FROM: Mo West
SUBJECT: Nat'l Rehab. Assoc. Speech

The National Rehabilitation Association (NRA), is holding their Eighth Annual Governmental Affairs Seminar here this week. You have been invited to give the keynote speech at the their luncheon today.

Those attending the luncheon, are providers of rehabilitation programs and services mandated under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. This Act authorizes funding for the Federal-State vocational rehabilitation (VR) program, which includes, special services for persons with severe disabilities, independent living centers, supported employment services, as well as, personnel training, research, and other programs for people with disabilities.

The service and training programs are administered by the Rehabilitation Services Administration in the Department of Education. Research programs fall under the auspices of the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, also in the Department of Education.

The Seminar provides NRA members, (approx. 100-125 persons) representing both consumers and providers of rehabilitation programs and services, an opportunity to meet this week with Administration officials and Congress about major rehabilitation issues which affect the lives of millions of Americans with disabilities. Equally, as important, the Seminar will give NRA members insight and awareness that their involvement does make a difference.

Jack Duncan, Counsel to the Association, and a well respected advocate and representative of the rehabilitation community has indicated that he would like you to speak on how important it is for members of Congress to hear from citizens working with disabled people. As you will note from the attached agenda, you are preceded by Senator Harkin and Rep. Bartlett. Given that, they too, will address disability issues during the 101st Congress, -- you might like to talk in generalities about the 101st Congress (i.e. the Budget, the nominations process, etc.). This was suggested by Dr. Bradham, their Executive Director.

I have prepared talking points specifically relating to disability issues before this session of Congress. As I recently mentioned, I suggest you remain very general about your support of the ADA until a copy of the legislation is available.

Monday, March 13, 1989

8:45 a.m. - Noon

Second General Session
2175 Rayburn House Office Building
Moderator: Jack G. Duncan
Governmental Affairs Counsel
National Rehabilitation Association

8:45 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Introduction

- » Jack G. Duncan, Moderator

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Congressional Staff Panel
"Disability Issues in the 101st Congress"

- » Robert Silverstein, Staff Director, Senate Subcommittee on the Handicapped
- » Judy Wagner, Legislative Assistant, Senator Paul Simon (D.-IL)
- » Bob Tate, House Subcommittee on Select Education
- » Pat Morrissey, Senior Legislative Associate, House Education and Labor Committee

10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Speaker

- » Ruth Hall Lusher, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Speaker

- » Frank Corrigan, Acting Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Speaker

- » John Doyle, Executive Director, National Association of Rehabilitation Facilities

11:45 a.m. - Noon

Speaker

- » The Honorable Tom Harkin (D.-IA), U.S. Senate; Chairman, Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Subcommittee on the Handicapped

Noon - 12:30 p.m.

Speaker

- » The Honorable Steve Bartlett (R-TX), U.S. House of Representatives; Ranking Minority Member, Subcommittee on Select Education

12:30 - 2 p.m.

Keynote Luncheon Speaker
2165 Rayburn House Office Building.
The Honorable Bob Dole (R-KS),
U.S. Senate, Minority Leader

March 13, 1989

TO: Senator Dole
FROM: Maureen West
SUBJECT: Rehab. Budget

For FY 90, the Reagan budget request for the Federal-State Vocational Rehabilitation Program was \$1.5 billion. This program recieved a 4.2% increase over the 1989 appropriated level. The increase is the requirement to comply the minimum entitlement programs authorized under the Rehabilitation Act.

The three other allotment programs under this Act received a 3.6% inflationary increase from last years appropriated levels. The programs that were increased were:

Independent Living State Allotment -- \$13 million
Client Assistance Program --\$8.0 million
Supported Employment -- \$28 million

**The National Rehabilitation
Association is pleased to have each
of you at the 1989 NRA
Governmental Affairs Seminar.**

**The individual and collective support
of this program enables the National
Rehabilitation Association to
continue its effective advocacy to
better enhance the lives of persons
with disabilities.**

**We look forward to seeing you in
March, 1990.**



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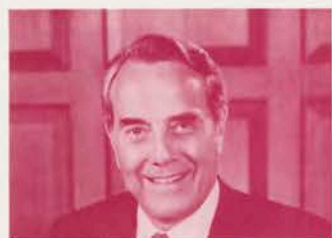
**U.S. Senator Bob Dole
Keynote Speaker**



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U.S. Senator Bob Dole

- Kansas Senior Senator
- Senate Finance Committee
- Senate Agriculture Committee
- Senate Rules Committee

Leadership

U.S. Senator Bob Dole, one of America's most respected advocates for people with disabilities and best known leaders, has a distinguished record of public service that spans almost four decades.

Senator Dole has earned national acclaim with his leadership for a sound Social Security system, budget responsibility, tax reform, quality and affordable health care, civil rights for people with disabilities and a better future for rural America.

Also respected as a legislator, he was unanimously re-elected by his Republican colleagues to a third term as their Senate Leader on November 28, 1988.

Service

Bob Dole was first elected to the United States Senate in 1968, after serving four consecutive terms in the House of Representatives. From 1981 to 1984, he was Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Born and raised on the plains of western Kansas, Bob Dole has been a fixture on the Agriculture Committees ever since he came to Washington in 1961.

Achievement

At age 26, Bob Dole entered public office for the first time when he was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives. Two years later, he became Russell County's prosecuting attorney, an office he held until his 1960 election to Congress. Senator Dole later became Republican National Chairman and President Gerald Ford's running mate in the 1976 Presidential election. In the past two Senate elections in Kansas -- in 1980 and 1986 -- Bob Dole won every one of the state's 105 counties.

Senator Dole is married to Elizabeth Hanford Dole, President Bush's pick to be America's new Secretary of Labor. She also served in Ronald Reagan's cabinet as Secretary of Transportation, only the seventh woman in history to hold a cabinet post.

Program

Monday, March 13, 1989

12:30 - 2 p.m.

2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Gold Room

Welcome

Bill Brownfield
President
National Rehabilitation Association

Invocation

Anna Marie Posey
NRA Rehabilitation Advocacy Network
Southwest Regional Representative

LUNCH

Introduction of Speaker

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We would welcome your remarks and impressions (10-15 minutes) on how important it is to members of Congress to hear from the citizens involved with persons with disabilities. We especially would like to hear your views on what you feel will be the major issues and concerns affecting persons with disabilities during the First Session of the 101st Congress.

If you or your staff have any question, please call my office at 333-5841. We look forward to your participation in the Eighth Annual Governmental Affairs Seminar.

Sincerely,

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