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DOLE OPPOSES PAY RAISE FOR CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today said that he is firmly opposed to raising the pay of Congressmen and Senators.

"America needs leadership in the fight against inflation," Senator Dole said, "and there is no better way to provide that leadership than for Congress to hold the line on its own salaries."

The President has proposed a 7-1/2 percent increase for top level executive branch, judicial and congressional officers. It will take effect automatically on March 6 unless the House or Senate formally votes its disapproval.

Criticizing the present pay raise system Senator Dole said, "it is wrong to have a backdoor operation where these raises are given without a specific vote to approve them.

"If any Member of Congress believes he is entitled to a pay raise he should take a stand on the floor of the House or Senate and cast his vote for the public to see in an up or down vote."

Senator Dole has sponsored the Senate resolution of disapproval for this pay raise. It is expected to be considered in the Senate this week.

"I opposed a similar pay raise proposal last year and still feel such a system is inappropriate. The battle against inflation is far from won, and the peoples' elected representatives should set a clear example for the entire Nation."