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# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE VOTES AGAINST PAY RAISE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole voted against any salary increases over the next three years for Members of Congress as well as top level executive, and judicial officeholders.

The vote came during today's meeting of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee on the salary recommendations contained in the President's budget message.

"This time of continuing inflation and serious economic concerns for the average citizen is an inappropriate moment to provide major pay raises for Senators, Congressmen, Cabinet Officers, and other high officials," Dole said.

"These are the people who are supposed to be doing something to fight inflation and enable the majority of Americans to make ends meet. Salary increases for them in the face of the unprecedented cost-of-living spiral over recent months would strike a serious blow against the peoples' confidence that those who have the responsibility for this problem are dedicated to solving it."

Senator Dole, a member of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, has sponsored legislation to reject the President's entire salary increase proposal and supported this approach today. The Committee however, voted, against Senator Dole's opposition, to allow a 21 percent pay increase over a 3-year period for top executive branch officials and judges while denying it to Members of Congress.

The proposal now goes to the full Senate where it must be considered before March 6. Senator Dole indicated that he would be active in floor efforts to block these salary increases entirely.