

NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE INTRODUCES CAMPAIGN REFORM SUBSTITUTE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today introduced a campaign reform substitute for the pending public financing bill.

The Dole substitute would eliminate tax dollar support for federal election campaigns and provide strengthened reporting, disclosure and \$3,000 annual campaign contribution limitations. It also would forbid cash contributions above \$50, establish a Federal Elections Commission, prohibit campaign "dirty tricks" and expand tax credits and deductions for small campaign contributions.

Pointing to the fact that some supporters of public financing have retreated from the original scope of their federal treasury financing plans, Dole said, "At first we heard that 100% public financing was necessary to have 100% purity in campaigns. Now some say 40% tax giveaways will bring about 100% purity. It appears to me that it is an all-ornothing proposition, and there should be full public financing or none at all."

"I oppose public financing but have voted for cloture on the pending bill, so the Senate will move on to consideration of issues that are of concern to the American people, not only those who seek public office."

Senator Dole's amendment was defeated by a 31-56 roll call vote.