

NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE SUPPORTS ENDING DEBATE ON TAX SUPPORTED POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today supported the Senate action to end its debate on tax supported political campaigns and urged that the Senate get on with facing the problems that confront the American people.

Dole, who again today voted in favor of ending debate on the Federal Election Campaign Act amendments, said, "The Senate has already wasted seven days of this session discussing unjustified Congressional pay raises and we have spent the last three weeks discussing how to get the taxpayers to pay for our campaigns. The American people want their concerns, not the politicians' financial worries, to be the first priority in Congress." The Senate later voted 64-30 in favor of ending debate.

Senate Dole also criticized the Senate for taking up the Public Financing bill before receiving the campaign reform recommendations of the Senate Watergate Committee. "Why should the Senate -- after chartering a new committee and spending millions of the taxpayers' dollars on its investigations -- now pass a bill before the committee has an opportunity to file its report?"

Senator Dole also offered a substitute campaign' reform proposal which will be voted on tomorrow.