



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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Senator Bob Dole today urged President Ford to reject the proposed pay raises for Members of Congress, the Judiciary, and Executive appointees in the budget he submits to Congress in January. Dole called for a more comprehensive study of the entire federal pay system before any recommendations are made.

According to existing law, the President is required to include in his budget message to Congress recommendations on Executive, Judicial, and Congressional salaries. These pay recommendations take effect if not rejected by Congress within 30 days. The Commission on Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Salaries has recommended to President Ford a 28.9% pay increase for Members of Congress; a 40-45% increase for members of the Judiciary; and a 20-40% pay increase for Executive level appointees. Dole urged these recommendations be rejected pending a more comprehensive study of the federal employment system.

Dole did not fault the Commission's entire report. He indicated support for the Code of Public Conduct, Public Disclosure, and Conflict of Interest recommendations, and also suggested that salary increases were warranted in certain instances. Dole added, however, that the Commission's recommendations apply broadly rather than attempting to identify the specific salary levels that will be needed to continue to attract the most qualified individuals to each job category.

The complete text of Senator Dole's letter to the President is attached.