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CARTER FIRES FIRST SHOT OF '78 CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole made the following statement after President Carter's State of the Union Address:

PRESIDENT CARTER HAS FIRED THE OPENING SHOT OF THE 1978 CAMPAIGN. AS ARE ALL STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESSES, HIS WAS STRICTLY A POLITICAL SPEECH -- WITH MISTAKES GLOSSED OVER AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS EXAGGERATED.

IT COULD BE DESCRIBED AS A WARMED OVER VERSION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS OF LAST YEAR WITH ONE DIFFERENCE. IN A THINLY DISGUISED BIT OF ECONOMIC WIZARDRY, THE PRESIDENT HAS OFFERED TOKEN TAX RELIEF TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHILE INCREASING SOCIAL SECURITY AND ENERGY TAXES BY MANY MORE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

CERTAINLY, THE PRESIDENT HAS IDENTIFIED MANY OF THE PRESSING PROBLEMS WE FACE. I AM HOPEFUL CONGRESS WILL ADDRESS THESE ISSUES AS RAPIDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY AS POSSIBLE.