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DOLE RECALLS EISENHOWER YEARS IN SPEECH ON IKE'S PENNSYLVANIA GETTYSBURG FARM

Gettysburg, PA. -- The following are excerpts from remarks by Senator Bob Dole in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania today:

President Eisenhower knew that a lean, efficient federal government could provide a generous level of public services without incurring budget deficits, without double-digit inflation, and without extracting billions of dollars of unnecessary taxes on the American people.

We should take a cue from General Eisenhower and resist the temptation of recent times to do too much, to constantly increase federal taxes, and expand the scope of federal regulations. If we do, we'll begin to see a lessening of the inflationary pressures which are robbing hard-working American taxpayers of their hard-earned wages.

On balance, the Eisenhower years were years of restrained government spending, modest budget deficits, and low rates of inflation. I think the American people are ready for a bit of Eisenhower-style restraints at all levels of government today.

As the federal government, we should mandate a balanced budget except in times of national emergency. We should hold taxpayers harmless against the effects of inflation of their federal taxes. And we should scale back the expectations of those who are constantly looking to Washington for higher and higher spending and more and more regulation.

But, most importantly, we've got to be realistic about what government can and cannot do. If we aren't, the tax revolt "fever" sweeping the nation is likely to sweep a lot of big-spending politicians out of office.