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JUMP IN UNEMPLOYMENT WAS FORESEEABLE, DOLE SAYS

WASHINGTON -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said today that last month's rise in unemployment was a direct result of the Carter Administration's failure to effectively combat inflation.

The unemployment figures jumped from 5.7 percent in June to 6.2 percent in July.

"I'm not surprised that the unemployment rate rose so quickly," Dole said.

"The fact is that the double-digit inflation we have experienced this year is beginning to take its toll on the American worker. The Carter Administration has given us the worst of both worlds -- inflation and now, rising unemployment.

"If history is a guide, we can expect more of the same in the coming months. The huge budget deficits and soaring interest rates are quickly putting people out of work.

"Unless there is some movement toward fiscal restraint, I think we will be in for a rough time."