



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## RECENT UNEMPLOYMENT SURGE A RESULT OF ADMINISTRATION'S FAILURE IN DEALING WITH INFLATION

EL PASO, Texas -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) charged today that the recent increase in unemployment "is a direct result of the Carter Administration's failure to effectively combat inflation."

"The Carter Administration has given us the worst of both worlds -- double-digit inflation and resurging unemployment," Dole said. "And the huge budget deficits and soaring interest rates projected for the foreseeable future can only mean more inflation and joblessness."

"We simply must have some fiscal discipline. The President should substantially trim federal spending growth in his 1980 budget requests. He should veto inflationary spending bills sent to him by the Congress. He should put a freeze on hiring new federal employees. And he should support Republican efforts in Congress to reduce the inflationary growth in federal taxes."

"Most importantly, Congress should expedite action on a constitutional amendment to require the federal government to balance its budget, except in times of national emergency."

"Only when federal spending and inflation are brought under control will American business and industry have the economic stability necessary for stable, high levels of employment and steady economic growth."

Dole spoke in El Paso at a breakfast meeting for Republican congressional candidate Mike Gierre.