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BALANCED BUDGET DAMAGED BY 'TAX HAPPY' PRESIDENT, DOLE SAYS

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today stated a "tax happy" President must bear the majority of the blame for any failure to balance the budget.

"It is clear that the Administration has attempted to balance the budget through ill-advised tax schemes such as the oil import fee," he said.

"I am disappointed to hear President Carter's remarks today blaming Congress for caving in to political pressures on the import fee. It defies belief that one who four years ago pledged he would never raise taxes on the middle-income earner has proposed and implemented the biggest tax hikes in the history of the nation. President Carter says he's for a strong economy and a balanced budget, but he wants to balance the budget on the backs of the taxpayers.

"We have a tax happy Administration on our hands.

"Let's not fool ourselves. President Carter was going to use the oil import fee to grant spending increases in this fiscal year to try to keep one of his many broken campaign promises.

"I still feel we can balance the budget this year, but we must remain realistic about placing the burden of meeting that goal on an already beleaguered tax-paying public."