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DOLE MEETS WITH GOVERNORS

WASHINGTON -- In the Senate Finance Committee executive room, Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kan.), Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, today met with ten governors currently in the Nation's Capital for the annual National Governor's Association winter meeting.

In a spirited closed-door session, the governors discussed components of the President's "new federalism" proposal, food stamps and budget cuts for 1983, as they affect individual states.

"The governors admitted they were less than enthusiastic about some of the President's budget cutting proposals, but expressed interest in the Administration's new federalism. I believe the state executives are making a sincere effort to find common ground with the President," said Dole.

"I told the governors that Washington and the state capitals must continue to keep the pressure on curtailing the growth of government and spending. It seems to me, before any transfer of programs between the state and federal government occurs, something must be done about the rising deficits that are strangling the economy. It is my feeling that the governors agree with me on this point," said Dole.

"The governors, like those of us on Capitol Hill, are understandably concerned about the economy. The times demand closer cooperation between state and federal offices," Dole said.

The governors attending the meeting were: Christopher "Kit" Bond (R.-Mo.), Richard A. Snelling (R.-Vt.), James B. Hunt (D.-N.C.), William F. Winters (D.Miss.), Albert H. Quie (R.-Minn.), Lamar Alexander (R.-Tenn.), James R. Thompson (R.-Ill.), George Busbee (D.-Ga.), Pierre duPont (R.-Del.), and Robert D. Orr (R.-Ind.).