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DOLE: BUDGET GROUP RECESSES, AWAITS ACTION FROM "BIG TWO"

WASHINGTON -- Senator Robert Dole (R.-Kan.) said today that "the budget working group has recessed because we have gone as far as we can go. Now it is on to the next logical step. As I have said all along, the two principals in the budget compromise effort must become active participants. The President has indicated he will confer with House Speaker O'Neill, and that is the next logical step.

"The working group has recessed and now awaits the meeting of the principals. Whether we meet again will be up to the President and the Speaker and the decisions that only they can make," said Senator Dole.

"I hope that they will undertake this vital effort as seriously as the working group has."