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DOLE URGES QUICK SUPREME COURT RULING ON GRAMM-RUDMAN-HOLLINGS

WASHINGTON -- SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KAN) SAID DESPITE THE DISTRICT COURT'S RULING, GRAMM-RUDMAN-HOLLINGS "STILL LIVES" AND URGED THAT THE SUPREME COURT RULE AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE ON APPEALS TO THE DECISION.

"The special three-judge district court's ruling that Gramm-Rudman-Hollings is unconstitutional is far from a fatal setback. Gramm-Rudman-hollings still lives. We never wanted the trigger mechanism to go into effect, we wanted to cut spending. And the federal deficit is going to be center stage during this session of Congress, regardless of the fate of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings," Dole said.

"The battle is not over. This decision will be appealed to the Supreme Court. And I urge the Court to act as expeditiously as possible on the appeal. In the meantime, we need to put our shoulders to the wheel and come up with a viable budget package that meets the deficit goals in the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law," Dole said.

"We can't run, we can't hide and the courts can't save us. Some in Congress have never made the tough choices on the deficit and this ruling may put more pressure on us to act responsibly."

"This was just a preliminary bout. It turns down the fire on the deficit a bit. But next week, when senators and congressmen are back home, I think their constituents will turn that fire right back up."