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STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE

TV IN THE SENATE MOVES AHEAD

TODAY THE HISTORIC JOURNEY TO TELEVISION IN THE SENATE TAKES ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP. THIS MORNING OUR TECHNICAL TEST PERIOD MOVES TO "IN-HOUSE" BROADCASTING, AS THE SIGNAL ORIGINATING FROM THIS CHAMBER IS DISTRIBUTED BY CABLE TO EVERY SENATE OFFICE. THIS LATEST ADVANCE IS IN PREPARATION FOR OUR JUNE SECOND DATE WITH HISTORY--THAT'S WHEN THESE PROCEEDINGS GO "LIVE" TO THE REAL WORLD: WE'LL BE AVAILABLE ON HOME TV AND READY -- AND SOMETIMES EVEN WILLING -- FOR NETWORK TELEVISION NEWS COVERAGE.

SO FAR, THE EXPERIMENT HAS MOVED ALONG ON SCHEDULE. OUR EXPERTS TELLS ME THAT THE TECHNICAL BUGS ARE BEING WORKED OUT AND THAT OUR PICTURE IS A GOOD ONE. I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE DEBATES BUT AT LEAST WE LOOK GOOD.

OUR OFFICES WILL HAVE AN INTERESTING SHOW TODAY. IT'S CALLED THE BUDGET. IT MIGHT EVEN BE X-RATED. I KNOW ONE THING...IT WILL BE A FULL LENGTH FEATURE PICTURE. LET'S HOPE IT HAS A HAPPY ENDING. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE REST OF MY COLLEAGUES, BUT I'M NOT LOOKING FOWARD TO A TEAR JERKER.

I'M PLEASED THAT OUR GREAT EXPERIMENT HAS WORKED SO WELL. AND I CONGRATULATE ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES AND OUR TECHNICAL STAFFS WHO HAVE LABORED SO LONG TO SEE THIS DAY ARRIVE.