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DOLE: CONGRESS IS BACK--FULL SPEED AHEAD!

WASHINGTON -- SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) TODAY PROMISED A BUSY WEEK FOR RETURNING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AS THEY COME BACK TO WASHINGTON AFTER THE ANNUAL SUMMER RECESS.

"ALTHOUGH WE ACCOMPLISHED A LOT PRIOR TO THE RECESS, THERE IS STILL A MOUNTAIN OF LEGISLATION LOOMING ON THE HORIZON," DOLE SAID. "WE SIMPLY DO NOT HAVE THE LUXURY OF POSTPONING OUR ASSAULT ON THAT MOUNTAIN. THAT'S WHY IT WILL BE FULL-SPEED AHEAD WHEN MY COLLEAGUES RETURN ON MONDAY."

DOLE INDICATED THAT ACTION ON APPROPRIATIONS BILLS AND THE CONFIRMATION OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S SUPREME COURT NOMINEES WILL BE THE SENATE'S TOP PRIORITY NEXT WEEK.

"THERE IS NO REASON THE REHNQUIST AND SCALIA NOMINATIONS CAN'T BE FAVORABLY COMPLETED THIS COMING WEEK. THE PRESIDENT'S NOMINEES HAVE ENDURED MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION ON THE COMMITTEE LEVEL AND THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO JUSTIFICATION--OUTSIDE OF PURE POLITICS--THAT THESE TWO MEN SHOULD NOT TAKE THEIR PLACE ON THE NATION'S HIGHEST COURT," DOLE SAID.

"DURING THE RECESS THERE WAS SOME MISGUIDED TALK OF TAX INCREASES. IN MY VIEW, THAT KIND OF TALK LOOKS LIKE THE PROVERBIAL LEAD BALLOON COMING ON THE HEELS OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL OF AN HISTORIC TAX REFORM BILL. LET'S KEEP THE FOCUS ON LOWERING TAX RATES, NOT INCREASING THEM," DOLE SAID.

"THERE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH WORK TO GET DONE--TAX INCREASES AND LAME DUCK SPECULATION IS A WASTE OF TIME...AND WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO WASTE," DOLE CONCLUDED.

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