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STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE

TAX REFORM IS HERE TO STAY

WITH THE OVERWHELMING VOTE IN THE HOUSE FOR TAX REPORM YESTERDAY, THE FINISH LINE IS NOW IN SIGHT. PRESIDENT REAGAN TOOK IT OUT OF THE STARTING GATE; THE HOUSE BROUGHT IT AROUND THE BEND; AND THE SENATE IS ABOUT TO FINISH ITS CHARGE DOWN THE HOME STRETCH.

TAX REFORM STARTED OUT AS A LONG SHOT. BUT NOW IT'S A SURE THING.

THAT IS WHY IT IS MY HOPE WE CAN CALL UP THE TAX REFORM PACKAGE TODAY, AND STAY ON IT UNTIL WE SEND THIS REVOLUTIONARY MEASURE TO THE PRESIDENT'S DESK. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING-JUST ASK THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER.

THE PRESIDENT CALLED FOR TAX REFORM, NOT TAX INCREASES; AND I AM PLEASED TO SAY THAT CONGRESS HEARD THE MESSAGE LOUD AND CLEAR. THE PRESIDENT CALLED FOR LOWER RATES, AND THE CONGRESS IS ABOUT TO DELIVER. WE PROMISED FAIRNESS AND WE HAVE KEPT OUR PLEDGE.

I AM CONFIDENT THIS LONG-AWAITED RELIEF PACKAGE FOR WORKING AMERICA WILL PASS BY OVERWHELMING NUMBERS IN THIS CHAMBER.