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DEMOCRATS AND TAXES -- "THERE THEY GO AGAIN"

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today warned the American people that "there they go again -- the Democrats are up to their old tax tricks." Senator Dole was responding to remarks by incoming House Speaker Jim Wright (D-Texas) calling for new tax increases.

Senator Dole noted that Congressman Wright was proposing "the worst kind of tax increase: a hike in tax rates. That's just the opposite of what we promised the people in tax reform. This looks to me like the old bait-and-switch -- take away deductions by promising lower rates, then jack-up the rates as soon as you can get away with it."

"But they won't get away with it," Dole concluded. "The people are on to this scam, and President Reagan and the Republican Party stand with the people. Jim Wright says he wants to raise taxes, cut defense, and even let the deficit go up at the same time. That's not exactly the kind of leadership the American people are expecting from the 100th Congress."