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DOLE CALLS ON HOUSE TO AUTHORIZE EISENHOWER COIN

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) TODAY TOLD THE HOUSE BANKING AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE THAT A COIN COMMEMORATING PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY, "WILL REMIND AMERICA OF THE THINGS PRESIDENT EISENHOWER STOOD FOR -- SERVICE TO GOD AND COUNTRY."

Urging the Committee to approve legislation authorizing the minting of the \$1 Eisenhower coin, Dole noted that there would be no cost for minting and issuing the coins and that any proceeds from the sale of the coins would be used to reduce the federal deficit. Senator Dole, along with Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum (R-Ks.) and Senator John Heinz (R-Pa.) sponsored legislation, approved by the Senate, which authorized the coin.

"I can remember standing in the rain with a crowd of admirers waiting to greet General Eisenhower when he came home to announce his 1952 bid for the Republican presidential nomination. As a Kansan, and as a World War II veteran, I was proud of Ike and what he had accomplished. I think that everyone in that crowd felt the same way," Dole told the Committee.

"This legislation means a lot not only to me, but also to millions and millions of Kansans, veterans, and, indeed, Americans from coast-to-coast....This coin would be an appropriate commemorative."