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DOLE: PRESSLER WILL CHAIR SENATE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE SELECTIONS

(Washington, DC) -- U.S. Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-KS) today announced that Republican U.S. Senators have selected Senator Larry Pressler to be the chairman of their Committee on Committees. The Committee is responsible for determining which of 13 key Senate committees the 45 GOP Senators will be assigned during the 101st Congress.

"Determining the committee assignments of 45 Republican Senators is no easy task," Dole said. "It calls for an individual who understands the Senate, is respected by his colleagues, knows the legislative process, and can reflect the wide interests of his fellow Senators. That's why we picked Larry for this tough assignment. I am confident he will work hard and do an outstanding job. He is an excellent choice for this position," he said.

Senator Pressler said he is looking forward to heading up the committee. "Since most of the substantive work in shaping legislation is done at the committee level, it is crucial that we have Senators representing diverse interests and regions of the country on every committee," said Pressler. "It is an honor to be selected for this leadership position and I look forward to getting to work on it immediately."

In addition to determining committee assignments, the Committee on Committees also is responsible for filling any committee vacancies which might occur during the 101st Congress.

Senator Dan Quayle of Indiana held the Chairmanship of the Committee on Committees during the 100th Congress. He will resign from the Senate to fulfill his new duties as Vice President.