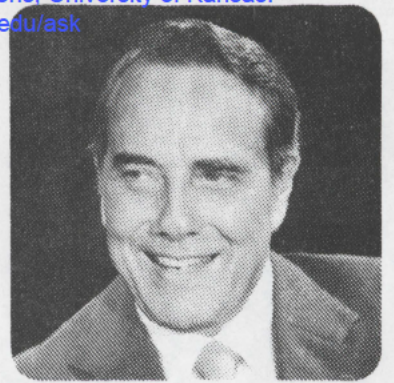


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S&L CROOKS CONTINUE TO RIP-OFF TAXPAYERS;
DOLE, KASSEBAUM BILL TO CRACK-DOWN ON
LOOPHOLES FOR THE GREEDY
KANSAS SENATORS INITIATE THE "TAXPAYER RECOVERY ACT"

WASHINGTON - EVEN THOUGH SOME OF THE PERPETRATORS OF THE MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR SAVINGS AND LOAN DISASTER HAVE BEEN CONVICTED FOR THEIR ROLES IN THE SCANDAL, MANY OF THEM ARE STILL LIVING IN LUXURY OFF THE PROFITS OF THEIR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE AND SENATOR NANCY KASSEBAUM TODAY INTRODUCED A BILL - THE TAXPAYER RECOVERY ACT - THAT WILL CLOSE DOWN THE LOOPHOLES THAT ARE NOW LETTING THE S&L CROOKS ABUSE EVEN MORE TAXPAYER DOLLARS.

"IT'S A SCANDAL WITHIN A SCANDAL," SAID DOLE, "AND IT HAS TO STOP. I AM DISGUSTED BY THE LAVISH LIFESTYLES OF THOSE DISHONEST S&L EXECUTIVES WHO HAVE DEFRAUDED THEIR DEPOSITORS -- AND THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS -- OUT OF MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. UNBELIEVABLY -- THESE LAVISH LIFESTYLES SOMETIMES CONTINUE AFTER THE S&L CROOKS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, CONVICTED, SENTENCED AND PUT BEHIND BARS."

ACCORDING TO DOLE, THE FEDERAL BANKRUPTCY LAW CONTAINS A NUMBER OF GAPING LOOPHOLES THAT BENEFIT THE S&L CROOKS. ONE LOOPHOLE ALLOWS BANKRUPT S&L CROOKS TO DISCHARGE CRIMINAL RESTITUTION ORDERS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED AGAINST THEM. ANOTHER LOOPHOLE ALLOWS THE S&L CROOKS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GENEROUS STATE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS THAT PROTECT PERSONAL PROPERTY -- INCLUDING MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR MANSIONS -- FROM THE REACH OF THE FDIC AND OTHER REGULATORY AGENCIES.

THE TAXPAYER RECOVERY ACT OF 1990 WILL HELP PUT AND END TO THIS CHARADE BY CLOSING UP THE LOOPHOLES. THE ACT WILL MAKE CRIMINAL RESTITUTION ORDERS ISSUED AGAINST THE S&L CROOKS NON-DISCHARGEABLE. THE ACT WILL ALSO PROHIBIT THE S&L CROOKS FROM TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE GENEROUS STATE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS.

"THOSE WHO HAVE FLOUTED THE LAW FOR SO MANY YEARS SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO HIDE BEHIND THE PROTECTIVE SHIELD OF THE BANKRUPTCY LAWS," DOLE SAID.

"I AM PLEASED TO JOIN REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE IN INTRODUCING THE TAXPAYER RECOVERY ACT. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT CONVICTED CRIMINALS SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE THE BANKRUPTCY CODE TO MAINTAIN MILLION-DOLLAR HOMES AND EXPENSIVE CARS. THIS MONEY BELONGS TO THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS WHO ARE PAYING FOR THE SAVINGS AND LOAN CLEAN UP AND WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SEE THAT WE RECOVER THESE FUNDS," KASSEBAUM ADDED.

IN A SENATE FLOOR STATEMENT, DOLE ADDED THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES OF ABUSE:

- o "TAKE THE CASE OF ATTORNEY LARRY VINYARD, WHO IS NOW SERVING A PRISON TERM FOR DEFRAUDING A SAVINGS AND LOAN. VINYARD PAID \$963,000 -- IN CASH -- FOR A FIVE-BATHROOM MANSION FOUR DAYS AFTER HE WAS CONVICTED. THE FDIC IS CURRENTLY UNABLE TO ATTACH VINYARD'S MANSION --EVEN THOUGH VINYARD OWES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT -- AND THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS COUNTRY -- MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN CRIMINAL FINES.
- o OR TAKE THE CASE OF JAY AND LEIF SOLDERLING, TWO BROTHERS WHO APPARENTLY LIKE TO GO ON SHOPPING SPREES DESPITE OWING \$1.5 MILLION IN CRIMINAL RESTITUTION TO THE FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN INSURANCE CORPORATION. THE TWO SPENT MORE THAN \$500,000 AFTER THEY WERE RELEASED FROM PRISON IN 1988 -- NOT BAD FOR A PAIR THAT CLAIMED THAT THEY WERE SO BROKE THAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO PAY THEIR COURT-ORDERED RESTITUTION."

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