

**Bob Dole**



**NEWS**

**U.S. SENATOR FOR KANSAS**

**FROM:**

**SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
APRIL 10, 1992**

**CONTACT: WALT RIKER  
(202) 224-5358**

## **CONGRESSIONAL REFORM**

**DOLE VOTES TO SLASH CONGRESSIONAL COSTS & BUREAUCRACY BY 25%;  
CALLS FOR ELIMINATION OF FREE MASS MAILINGS BY CONGRESS;  
HOUSE "ADMINISTRATOR" IS JUST A "TAXPAYER FUNDED BABYSITTER"**

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) has voted to cut the costs of Congressional operations by 25% in a reform package that passed the Senate by a 52-42 vote late Thursday night. If enacted, the legislation would save \$2 billion during the next five years.

Meanwhile, Dole blasted the House of Representative's vote to add a department of administration to its scandal-ridden bureaucracy.

"No doubt about it, the American people are right in demanding reform from Congress. And the best way to start is cutting 25% right off the top -- reducing staff, committees, bureaucracy and operational costs," Dole said.

The cost-cutting amendment would slash funding for both branches of Congress, the General Accounting Office, the Congressional Research Service, the Architect of the Capitol, the Library of Congress and the Botanical Gardens.

"Unfortunately, while the Senate was voting to cut costs, the House was voting the same day to add yet another lavish layer of bureaucracy to its bloated operations," Dole added. "The so-called Administrator that House members voted to establish -- more patronage and spoils appointed by Democrats for Democrats -- is nothing more than phony political cover for the check bouncing scandal. It's a taxpayer-funded babysitter for grownups looking for excuses, and looking for any way to dodge accountability."

"The real test will come when House and Senate negotiators square off on the Senate's reform initiative. Then we'll find out who is serious about reform and who just wants a babysitter," Dole said.

Dole also announced that he would soon be introducing legislation to eliminate mass mailings from Congress, those taxpayer-funded newsletters and post cards on which Congress wastes millions of dollars every year. According to Senator Dole, Congress wasted almost \$60 million on Congressional junk mail in 1991.