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## CLINTON'S TRICKY TAX BILL

OPPOSITION BUILDS AS DISAPPOINTING FACTS COME TO LIGHT:  
LET'S PUT PEOPLE, NOT GOVERNMENT, FIRST

Washington -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole today gave the following remarks at a news conference on the Clinton Tax Plan:

There's no denying Bill Clinton is a good salesman. He gives a good speech. He's friendly. He's clever. And he's popular...Right now.

But his policies are going to be very unpopular once the American people find out what the President's tricky tax bill is going to do to them. Which is why folks are taking to the telephones again: every day since the President's economic speech, as the American people began to see through the false advertising, the calls have steadily mounted against it: the day after the speech, calls to my offices ran narrowly against the plan; last Friday, opposition had grown to two-to-one; by Monday, it was three-and-a-half to one, and this morning, opposition calls have climbed to a nine-to-one margin.

Now, I've seen all the polls supporting the speech, and the polls supporting the idea of a "fair" package. We all support a fair package -- we've been supporting those for years. But, ask the American people today if they support a program that raises more than three dollars in taxes for every dollar in so-called cuts, and they'll melt the telephone. That's not what they were told they were getting, and it's not what they were promised.

Republicans have been analyzing the President's economic plan very closely. Like every American, we were hoping for something much better, something new and bold. Let's face it, the President's speech was bold, his public relations blitz is clever and friendly, but his economic plan is a terrible disappointment. We were led to believe that there would be real deficit reduction, with real spending cuts up front and no more budget games.

Unfortunately, the Clinton plan only reflects the same old tax and spend ideology that America has come to expect from the big government, big tax fan club.

Make no mistake. Republicans stand for real deficit reduction that truly puts people -- not government -- first. We'll try to convince President Clinton that his next step should be to eliminate the \$178 billion in new spending.

If we're really going to put Uncle Sam on a diet, let's not tempt him with a heaping plate of new taxpayer-funded goodies.

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