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STIMULUS "COMPROMISE"

GRIDLOCK BEGINS IN OVAL OFFICE: NEW CLINTON BUDGET-BUSTER NO COMPROMISE, ONCE AGAIN FLUNKS DEFICIT TEST

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement regarding Bill Clinton's so-called "compromise" stimulus package:

"The American people now know that gridlock begins in the Oval Office. It isn't a compromise when the President absolutely refuses to pay for his new spending programs.

"The value-added tax proposal is bad enough, but the President has once again seriously underestimated the American people's anger with deficits and spending. Trimming a huge pork bill is no gift to the beleaguered taxpayers, and neither is raising the deficit. No wonder even Democrats are running away from the package.

"I can't repeat this often enough -- we support funding the extension of unemployment benefits, but if the President wants to have new spending programs, Republicans will continue to demand offsetting cuts in other programs. It's a fundamental difference between Republicans and most Democrats, and it's a principle we won't compromise."

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