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## DOLE--DOMENICI--PACKWOOD ON BOREN/DANFORTH PLAN

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole and Senators Pete Domenici and Bob Packwood, the Ranking Republicans on the Senate Budget & Finance Committees, today issued the following joint statement regarding the bipartisan deficit reduction plan announced today by Senators David Boren, John Danforth, Bennett Johnston and William Cohen:

"The American people are saying it's time to cut spending first. Today's bi-partisan effort to pull the plug on the energy tax is the latest indication just how unpopular the President's big tax agenda really is. It's clear that Senators Boren, Cohen, Danforth and Johnston are reflecting the mood of the people with their improvement on the President's plan. No doubt about it, it's a welcome step in the right direction, and we hope the White House gets the message.

"As the spending cut bandwagon picks up even more speed, perhaps the President will finally hop on board. We wouldn't be surprised to see other helpful bi-partisan suggestions and alternatives between now and when the Finance Committee marks up the President's tax bill."

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