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SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER



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**OPENING REMARKS OF SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER  
BOB DOLE ON THE START OF THE SECOND SESSION OF  
THE 103RD CONGRESS**

I join with my friend, the distinguished Majority Leader, in welcoming our colleagues back for the second session of the 103rd Congress.

No doubt about it, we have an ambitious agenda to tackle this session, and Republicans are ready to roll up our sleeves and go to work.

Everyone has been home during the recess, so we know what the American people expect from us: decisive action to stem the tide of violent crime in America; the right dose of health care reform that cures what ails our system, without destroying what makes American health care the envy of the world; reform that encourages people to get off the welfare rolls and onto payrolls; and restraint when it comes to spending taxpayer dollars. We can start on that priority by passing the balanced budget amendment this year, and enacting Senate Republicans' 50-point plan to promote government efficiency and reduce government spending by \$50 billion during the next five years.

Republicans stand ready to cooperate with our colleagues on the other side of the aisle when we believe they are right. Republicans will offer responsible alternatives when we feel policy must be improved. And when we have fundamental differences with the other party, Republicans will stand on principle in opposing legislation we feel takes America in the wrong direction.

I know I speak for my Republican colleagues when I say we look forward to the busy year ahead, which will kick-off tonight with the President's State-of-the-Union message, as well as the Republican response.

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Remarks delivered on the Senate floor, approximately 12:15 PM, ET.