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DOLE ON BUDGET

Washington -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement regarding the release of President Clinton's fiscal year 1995 federal budget:

"Most budgets are quickly forgotten, but this one will be remembered for what it doesn't contain -- most of the President's health care plan and cuts needed to finance comprehensive welfare reform. Even so, federal spending next year will still increase by \$34.3 billion, and taxes will go up by a whopping \$93 billion.

"To his credit, the President has proposed terminating some federal programs, representing about one-fifth of one percent of the federal budget. We've seen most of the proposed cuts before, but Congressional Democrats refused to go along when Republican administrations wielded the budget knife.

"When it comes to eliminating unnecessary spending programs, President Clinton may enjoy more support from Republicans than from members of his own party. I also hope the President will join bipartisan efforts to enact the balanced budget amendment and additional cuts to reduce the deficit."