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## **\$50 BILLION SPENDING CUT PLAN**

**DOLE & SENATE REPUBLICANS INTRODUCE "50/50" PLAN:  
50-POINT PLAN TO CUT \$50 BILLION IN FEDERAL SPENDING,  
IMPROVE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY, REDUCE DEFICIT:  
INCLUDES IDEAS FROM GORE REVIEW, GRACE COMMISSION & PENNY-KASICH**

When President Clinton unveiled his 1995 budget plan this week, Republicans offered their cooperation to help the President cut unnecessary government spending. Today, we are putting our money where our mouth is, and offering 50 billion reasons to reduce the deficit and improve government performance. Joined by 17 of my colleagues, I am introducing a 50-point plan to cut \$50 billion in federal spending during the next five years, a plan that includes ideas from the Vice President's National Performance Review, the so-called Penny-Kasich plan, and the non-partisan organization Citizens Against Government Waste.

This isn't intended to be a comprehensive budget alternative. But the "50/50" plan is a step toward even lower deficits, a step the President did not take by shifting federal dollars to new programs.

### **Reduce Deficit by Cutting Spending**

When it comes to cutting the deficit, Republicans believe that the best way -- the only way -- to get the deficit under control and improve the prospects for long-term economic growth is to cut federal spending. And when it comes to improving government performance, we agree that there are ways to make government work better, but our number one priority is to make it easier for people in the private sector--individuals and businesses--to deal with government.

Last fall, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Senator Bill Roth, Senator Connie Mack and I got together with Peter Grace who now serves as Chariman of Citizens Against Government Waste. We decided to begin work on a plan that would build on the good work in the National Performance Review, save the taxpayers money, streamline the federal bureaucracy, and improve government accountability.

We got the ball rolling, but others -- like Senator Murkowski, Senator Coats, Senator Bennett, Senator Pressler and Senator Craig -- have played a key role in developing this plan. Working together we have produced a 50-point plan to cut federal spending by more than \$50 billion over 5 years and lock-in those savings for deficit reduction.

### **Streamlining Government**

Our proposal includes 8 recommendations to eliminate, phase-out or privatize federal programs, and 21 more specific proposals to cut spending.

We offer 10 recommendations to cut government red tape by consolidating overlapping agencies, reforming the federal procurement process, reducing paperwork requirements and streamlining procedures -- particularly for small businesses.

We have included 7 recommendations, developed under the leadership of Senator Roth, to improve government accountability and performance by establishing new federal accounting standards, audited financial statements, and performance goals for each federal programs.

### **Line-item Veto, Super-Majority for "Emergency" Spending**

Our plan includes a real line-item veto, sunset provisions to ensure that all federal programs come up for periodic review, and a super-majority requirement for future emergency spending legislation.

And finally, our plan reinstates the defense firewall to help the President fulfill his commitment to oppose additional cuts in defense spending. We believe that any defense savings

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that result from our plan should be used to help the Pentagon withstand the deep cuts that have already been approved by Congress.

The vote on the Penny-Kasich amendment in the House demonstrated that there is broad bipartisan support for efforts to cut spending to continue the progress that has been made in reducing the deficit. I hope that we will have an opportunity to vote on this and other measures to cut spending in the near future and I hope that this time around, we will get the support of the President and the Democrat leadership here in Congress.

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\*\*Remarks delivered on Senate floor, approximately 9:15 AM EST\*\*

## THE GOVERNMENT DOWNSIZING, PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1994

50 commonsense recommendations from the Grace Commission, the National Performance Review and other sources that would save the taxpayers money, streamline the Federal bureaucracy, and improve government accountability and performance.

- The plan would cut Federal spending by more than **\$50 billion over 5 years** and ensure that **ALL** of the non-defense savings go to deficit reduction.

### TITLE I -- SAVING THE TAXPAYERS MONEY

The plan contains 8 proposals to eliminate, phase-out, or privatize Federal programs, and 21 more specific proposals to cut spending. Recommendations include:

- Cutting both Legislative Branch and Executive Office of the President spending by 7.5%, and cutting non-defense Federal government administrative expenses -- like travel, consulting services, and printing.
- Selling the Alaska Power Administration, privatizing the NOAA research fleet, and eliminating the Small Business Administration tree-planting program.

### TITLE II -- STREAMLINING THE FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY

The plan contains 10 proposals to reduce government bureaucracy by consolidating overlapping government agencies, reducing paperwork burdens, and streamlining procedures. Recommendations include:

- Reorganizing the U.S. Department of Agriculture; Federal procurement reform; reducing paperwork requirements on purchases under \$100,000 and Davis-Bacon contracts; and establishing clearinghouses for death data, disability and veterans benefit claims.

### TITLE III -- IMPROVING GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The plan contains 7 recommendations to improve accountability and performance by establishing new Federal accounting standards, audited financial statements, and performance goals for each Federal program. Recommendations include:

- Requiring 23 key Federal agencies to prepare audited financial statements; and increasing the importance of job performance in Federal promotion and reduction-in-force procedures.

### TITLE IV & TITLE V -- REFORMING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS & ENFORCEMENT

The plan contains a Presidential line-item veto, limits new programs authorizations to a maximum of 5 years, and establishes a super-majority requirement for all "emergency" spending legislation. The plan reinstates the defense firewall to help the President meet his commitment not to cut defense spending any further. And, finally, the plan locks in all non-defense savings for deficit reduction by reducing the discretionary spending cap.