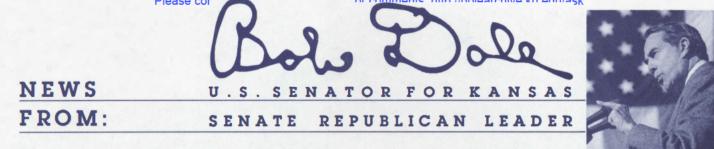
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MITCHELL ANNOUNCEMENT

Atlanta -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole, travelling this afternoon in Atlanta, issued the following statement regarding Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell's announcement that he will not seek re-election:

"George Mitchell is a good personal friend of mine. He and I may not always agree politically, but I agree with his colleagues that he has been a great leader for his party. His word is his bond, and that means a lot when it comes to leading the Senate.

"George Mitchell is a man of tremendous skill and integrity, and I know he will excel at whatever future challenges he undertakes. Senator Mitchell told me of his decision this afternoon, and I look forward to continuing to work with him in the months ahead."

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