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## **DOLE CALLS ON GREGG TO PLAY LEADERSHIP ROLE IN HEALTH CARE REFORM DEBATE**

WASHINGTON - Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole and the Senate Republican Leadership have called on Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) to help organize Republican strategy on the Senate floor during the course of the health care reform debate currently underway in Congress.

Senator Gregg is actively coordinating an effort to carefully examine the reform bills put forth by the Democrat Leadership in Congress and President Clinton. The proposed bill is a whopping 1400 pages now and changing every day.

"We've called on Judd because of the solid understanding of this issue he gained through his role on the Labor Committee and the many public health care forums he conducted in New Hampshire," Dole said. "Judd is committed to making sure the American people understand what is in this mammoth piece of legislation that could affect everyone's life.

"I am confident that Judd will help lead an effective effort on the Senate floor that will contribute to a positive, honest and open debate of the most important piece of legislation Congress has faced in recent history," Dole added.

Senator Gregg said, "I am grateful for this chance to help with an effort to shed some real light on the details of the massive changes in our health care system proposed by President Clinton and Senator Mitchell. I believe it is critical that we in Congress take the time to review and understand this major piece of legislation and do what we can to help the American people understand what it all means for them.

"The task is complicated, especially because the bill put forth by Senator Mitchell in the Senate is still changing. I strongly believe the people deserve to know that they have a choice and we aim to clearly present the alternative reform plan offered by Senator Dole and Senator Packwood. I am confident that after hearing the details of both plans, the Dole/Packwood bill -- which has more co-sponsors than any other bill in the Senate -- will be the people's choice," Gregg added.

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