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DOLE OFFICES SET BUDGET EXAMPLE

DOLE'S SENATE OFFICES TURN BACK \$538,022 IN 1995; NINE-YEAR SAVINGS TOP \$2.85 MILLION

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that his Senate offices saved taxpayers \$538,022 in office, staff and mailing expenses during 1995. During the past nine years, the offices have returned more than \$2.85 million in tax dollars to the U.S. Treasury. The 1995 savings reflect the fact that Dole's Kansas office and his Senate Republican Leader's office ran 20% under budget for the fiscal year.

Leading By Example

"Balancing the budget and reducing the size of government are two of my top priorities," Dole said. "Leading by example is the best way to prove that government can be more efficient and more effective. As Republicans continue to fight for a balanced budget, it is more important than ever to prove that we will all do our fair share to reduce the federal deficit."

"In my view, these savings are an important part of a broader picture," Dole added. "Under Republican leadership, we cut Congress's budget by \$205 million -- the biggest cut in 40 years. These savings are an important down-payment on our commitment to balance the budget in seven years, and to allow working families to keep more of their own hard-earned money."

For the duration of the two recent partial government shut-downs, Senator Dole returned his salary to the U.S. Treasury.

Office Savings

Senator Dole's Kansas offices achieved savings of \$224,564 in the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, for a nine-year total of \$1,618,525. Dole's Senate Republican Leader's office saved taxpayers \$313,458 this year, for a nine-year total of \$1,233,354. Combined, the two offices have saved \$2,851,879 in tax dollars over the past nine years. Senator Dole maintains constituent service offices in Washington, Wichita, Topeka and Kansas City, Kansas, as well as a mobile constituent office, which travels to all corners of Kansas.