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BOSNIA TROOP TAX RELIEF

SENATE PASSES TAX RELIEF FOR US SOLDIERS: **DOLE PLAN HEADS TO PRESIDENT'S DESK**

WASHINGTON -- The United States Senate late today approved by unanimous consent legislation to provide tax relief to American soldiers on duty in the former Yugoslavia. The bill, already approved by the House, extends tax filing deadlines and exempts from taxation hostile fire/imminent danger pay earned while on duty in Bosnia, Croatia, and Macedonia. The Congressional action follows a commitment made by Senator Dole and Speaker Gingrich last December that they would propose and pass a tax relief plan for American troops. Senator Dole issued the following statement:

"Today is a significant day for our troops in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Macedonia. Today the Senate has passed important legislation that will provide tax relief to our military forces deployed in the former Yugoslavia.

"This relief is essential to ensure that the Internal Revenue Service does not make life more difficult for our soldiers than the rigors of their Bosnian duty has already. Speaker Gingrich and I announced in December our intention to send to the President tax filing and other relief for our soldiers. Earlier this week the House passed the legislation and I am pleased that the Senate has done so today.

"I believe that it is critical for Congress to continue demonstrating its unequivocal support for our men and women in uniform involved in Operation Joint Endeavor and Operation Able Sentry. Our troops have more important things to focus on than compiling records, meeting paperwork deadlines, or computing their tax liability. And they should receive tax relief for participating in the Operations."

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