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ECONOMIC GROWTH

WEAK ECONOMIC GROWTH IN 1995 HARDLY SURPRISING GIVEN CLINTON ECONOMIC POLICIES

WASHINGTON, DC -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement regarding the Clinton Administration's announcement that the economy grew at an annual rate of only 2% in 1995, including an annual rate of just 0.5% in the final quarter:

"The weakest economic growth since the last recession is disappointing but hardly surprising given President Clinton's policies of more Washington spending, more regulation, and more taxes -- including the biggest tax increase ever.

"President Clinton missed a historic opportunity to boost economic growth when he vetoed a real balanced budget with tax cuts that would have put more money in the pockets of working families. Republicans will continue to fight for policies that promote real economic growth and a brighter future for America."

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