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DOLE HAILS BUDGET SAVINGS IN SECRETARY OF SENATE'S OFFICE --
\$700,000 REDUCTION INCLUDES \$300,000 IN SALARY CUTS

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-KS) today applauded Jo-Anne Coe, Secretary of the Senate, for wielding an effective budget ax when finalizing spending plans for her office for the upcoming fiscal year.

"The Senate has just won a test in the war against federal red ink by approving a \$300 billion deficit reduction package," Dole said, referring to Friday morning's Senate approval of the Republican leadership/White House budget. "I am pleased the Secretary of the Senate has paralleled our efforts to pull in the reins on federal spending. It is my hope every branch of the government will be able to demonstrate the same kind of fiscal responsibility as the Secretary of the Senate's office."

According to testimony prepared for a Tuesday morning appearance before the Senate Appropriations Committee, Secretary Coe outlined savings of almost \$700,000, putting her office's '86 budget at \$7,636,000 -- a \$327,200 decrease over the previous year.

Ms. Coe, the first woman to hold the Senate's top administrative post, was appointed Secretary of the Senate by Majority Leader Bob Dole.

"Recognizing the extraordinary budgetary problems that are faced by this country, this year's appropriation reflects my best efforts to keep the appropriation for the Secretary's office as low as possible. I have amended my predecessor's projected budget -- a very sound and well-drafted plan -- by a reduction of nearly \$700,000, or over 8 percent of this office's original submission," Coe said.

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"My goal has been to hold expenses to fiscal year 1985 levels or cut them wherever possible without diminishing the quality of output. In addition to a reduction of \$300,000 in salaries, in 16 of 21 categories of other expenses for this office, I have cut costs or frozen fiscal year 1986 appropriations at fiscal year 1985 levels."

"The most significant decrease in the overall budget stems from our voluntary reduction in our salary account of \$300,000. I believe that as is expected of other government agencies, this office must rein itself in -- and that means staffing of the various departments will come under a more intense scrutiny than ever before. In addition, we will freeze all salaries for FY 86 at the levels existing at the end of FY 85," Coe said.

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