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DOLE WELCOMES WHITE HOUSE COMMITMENT TO SEEK FURTHER BUDGET CUTS

(WASHINGTON) -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-KS) today welcomed indications that the White House would seek further deficit reduction measures this fall, using the Senate-backed budget resolution as a benchmark.

Sen. Dole said, "If the President wants to keep the deficit issue on the front burner, I will be more than glad to help. Certainly there is no shortage of options for cutting spending if we want to expand on the budget agreement just passed by the House and Senate."

Dole responded to reports that President Reagan would use the budget originally passed by the Republican-led Senate as the standard for judging whether appropriations bills include excessive spending. The expectation is that the President would veto bills that do not fall within these spending guidelines.

"I will be pleased to put together a working group of Senators closely involved with the budget issue to coordinate with the White House effort. We can review any and all spending bills with an eye toward making further deficit reductions," said Sen. Dole.

"I am very encouraged by this show of renewed commitment to deficit reduction on the part of the White House," said Sen. Dole, adding, "I hope we can make a lot of progress this fall. That's the kind of leadership the people expect from us."