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DOLE OPTIMISTIC ON BUDGET OUTCOME

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) SAID FOLLOWING SATURDAY'S BUDGET SUMMIT MEETING THAT HE IS "OPTIMISTIC THE COUNTRY WILL GET THE KIND OF BOLD ACTION ON THE DEFICIT I HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR."

"I WANT TO COMMEND MY FELLOW PARTICIPANTS -- DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS ALIKE -- FOR THEIR DILLIGENCE AND COMMITMENT. I CAME AWAY FROM TODAY'S MEETING OPTIMISTIC THAT THE COUNTRY IS GOING TO GET THE KIND OF BOLD ACTION ON THE DEFICIT I HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR."

"WE MADE A GOOD DEAL OF PROGRESS TODAY. AND WE'RE HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION -- AGREEMENT ON A MEANINGFUL PACKAGE THAT WILL TAKE US BEYOND \$23 BILLION IN DEFICIT REDUCTIONS. A SOLUTION LIKE THAT WOULD SEND JUST THE RIGHT SIGNAL TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND AROUND THE WORLD."