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WAR ON DRUGS MEANS WAR ON CRIME -- SO WHERE IS THE CRIME BILL??
EVEN DEMOCRATS ADMIT "TAX RESPONSE" TO PRESIDENT'S PLAN IS A BOMB
DOLE TO LOOK AT BYRD BUDGET-CUTTING PROPOSAL TO FUND DRUG WAR

DOLE FLOOR STATEMENT:

PRESIDENT WINS POLL WAR WITH CRITICS

IT WILL BE A WEEK AGO TONIGHT THAT PRESIDENT BUSH SOUNDED THE CALL TO ARMS ON AMERICA'S WAR ON DRUGS. IN AN OUTSTANDING OVAL OFFICE ADDRESS, THE PRESIDENT CALLED FOR NATIONAL UNITY AND OUTLINED A TOUGH, NO-NONSENSE STRATEGY TO BEAT THE PUSHERS AND THE THUGS.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- JUDGING BY EVERY POLL I HAVE SEEN; AND THERE HAVE BEEN PLENTY OF THEM -- ARE GIVING THE PRESIDENT SKY HIGH MARKS FOR HIS ANTI-DRUG OFFENSIVE.

UNFORTUNATELY, SOME OF HIS CRITICS DIDN'T GET THE MESSAGE; AND DIDN'T QUITE SEE IT AS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DID. THE CRITICS WERE DUMPING ON THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN. THEY CAME BACK WITH A LAUNDRY LIST OF NEGATIVISM: A LIST OF WHAT WE CAN'T DO AND WHY WE CAN'T WIN.

MR. PRESIDENT, THAT'S NOT A WAR ON DRUGS -- THAT IS A RETREAT.

DEMOCRAT TAX IDEA BOMBS OUT

EVEN WORSE, SOME CRITICS WERE SAYING THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN WAS DOOMED BECAUSE HE REFUSED TO RAISE TAXES! THAT CONGRESS COULDN'T CUT ANYTHING IN THE BUDGET, SO THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER SHOULD PAY FOR THE WAR ON DRUGS WITH NEW TAXES. WELL, WE DON'T NEED A POLL ON THAT ONE -- THAT IDEA WENT OVER WITH TAXPAYERS LIKE A LEAD BALLOON.

EVEN DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRMAN RON BROWN ADMITTED THE TAX OFFENSIVE WAS A BOMB.

AND LATE YESTERDAY, ANOTHER DEMOCRAT -- THE DISTINGUISHED CHAIRMAN OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE -- CALLED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE WAR ON DRUGS -- AND NOT WITH MORE TAXES.