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PRESIDENT'S NUMBERS STILL DON'T ADD UP;

DOLE REBUTS CRITICISM OF REPUBLICAN BUDGET EFFORTS -WHITE HOUSE TRYING TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM OWN TAX-HEAVY PACKAGE

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole today made the following remarks in a live interview with KRLD radio in Dallas, immediately following the station's interview with President Clinton. Dole also appeared on KABC, Los Angeles, WCBS, New York, and Mutual Radio's Larry King Show following interviews with the President.

His is not a \$500 billion deficit reduction plan -- it's about \$347 billion, and only about \$83 billion is in spending cuts and the rest is all taxes. So, they're trying to divert the American people's attention away from their big, big tax package -- say 'well, where's the Republican plan?' ...

We're going to have a plan, ... but we're going to focus on his plan, because as we found out in the Senate Finance Committee last Thursday and Friday, every amendment we offered was defeated on a party-line vote.

So, they don't want our input. We've offered the President to sit down with him and work on a plan. Senator Packwood, the Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee called the White House last week -- call's never been returned. I told the President two weeks ago, if you want to sit down and work on a real deficit reduction plan, I'll bring some Republicans along to help you. They don't want to do that. They want to play politics instead of dealing with the deficit.

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