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Remarks delivered on the Senate floor, approximately 11:45AM EDT.

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And then Americans asked a second question--"Does the President's bill control government spending?" And the answer is no.

As Senator Domenici has pointed out, in 1994, the first year of this plan, there is no net cut in spending. None. Zero. In a \$1.5 trillion dollar budget, President Clinton could not find a way to save one dollar.

In fact, 80% of what spending cuts there are in this budget will be delayed until after the next presidential election in 1996. And that creates an interesting scenario.

President Clinton may well go down in history as the only President who increased taxes before he took office, and who didn't cut spending until after he left office.

Losing Jobs

Question number three that Americans asked was "Does the president's plan help put Americans back to work?" And the answer is no.

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Not Controlling the Deficit

And question four is the most important question of all--"Does the President's plan get the deficit under control?"

And even by the White House's own admission, the answer is no.

The President's deficit charts always seem to end about 1997. And for good reason. Because while the President's massive tax increase will lower the deficit in the short term, the plan's inability to deal with spending will send the deficit skyrocketing upwards after 1997.

It's not Bob Dole who has convinced Americans to oppose this bill. It's the answer to those questions.

This has been a very instructive debate. And I want to especially congratulate my colleague, Senator Domenici, for the way in which he has led the debate on our side.

Few people have more integrity and more authority on budget issues than Senator Domenici, and he and his outstanding staff are to be congratulated.

The Question of Trust

I do want to respond to some of the remarks made by my good friend from Nebraska. Senator Kerrey admitted that the President's plan is a bad plan. And if he wants to hold his nose and vote for the plan, then he has every right to do so.

But my conscience is clear. Like Senator Kerrey, I believe this is a bad plan. It raises taxes, and it does little to effectively reduce government spending or control the deficit.

And that's why I'm voting against it. That's why 43 of my Republican colleagues are voting against it. That's why six of senator Kerrey's Democrat colleagues are voting against it. And that's why the vast majority of the American people are opposed to it.

And when it comes to the matter of trust, let me echo the remarks of the Senator from New Mexico. I would put my record of making the tough votes to reduce the deficit up against anyone in this chamber...and I told President Clinton soon after his election that if he was ready to tackle the deficit head on and cut spending first, then I would be there.

But President Clinton knows, Senator Kerrey knows, I know, and the American people know that this plan does not tackle the deficit head on. It does not cut spending first, second or third.

So, I would say to my friend from Nebraska, that I'm worried about trust, too. I'm worried about trusting those who give us retroactive tax increases now--and who promise spending cuts for sometime in the future.

And I'm worried about the trust that has been broken with the American people. Before he took office, President Clinton said he had heard the American people. He had heard their message of "cut spending first." Apparently, he heard it and ignored it.

And let me add that when it comes to trust, the only trust that matters to me is the trust of the Kansas voters. They trust me to do what is right, and that's just what I've done.

"We Can Do Better"

Let me close by just saying that we can do better. Much better. We can write a budget that truly cuts spending first...that truly moves America in the right direction. And Republicans stand ready to help move America in the right direction.

Yesterday, I was joined by a number of my Republican colleagues in sending a letter to the President, and I would ask that the letter be entered in the record. In this letter we said---and I quote--"We have offered to work with you in a bi-partisan effort to reduce the deficit. Should the conference report on the reconciliation bill fail, we stand ready to meet with you and the Democrat leadership in Congress to work in good faith on a bi-partisan deficit reduction and growth plan." End quote.

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