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Washington -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole issued the following statement regarding President Clinton's health care policy address to a joint session of Congress:

"The national dialogue on health care has begun. America is ready for reform, and so are we. The President's program and alternative Republican plans have laid the groundwork for an important debate that will reach into every home in America.

"In the complex debate that will come in the months ahead, let's keep in mind four key issues: choice, quality, jobs and cost.

"While everyone agrees on the diagnosis, we have some disagreements on the prescription for reform. Clearly, those disagreements start with the administration's insistence on jobkilling employer mandates.

"Republicans are committed to working with the President and our Democrat colleagues to give America the right dose of reform, not an overdose of government control. In debating health care policy, let's not lose sight of the fact that we are really talking about people and the health of our nation."