

Bob Dole



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DOLE ANNOUNCES REPUBLICAN TASK FORCE ON ELIMINATION OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today announced the establishment of the Senate Republican Task Force on Elimination of Government Agencies. Dole named Senator Spencer Abraham (R-MI) and Senator Lauch Faircloth (R-NC) as co-chairmen. The Task Force will coordinate with the House Freshmen Task Forces led by Representative Sam Brownback (R-KS) to make recommendations for abolishing four Cabinet departments -- Commerce, Housing and Urban Development, Education, and Energy.

The Task Force is "an important step toward truly reshaping the relationship between government and citizen -- getting rid of meddlesome, unnecessary, and wasteful government agencies," said Dole, who called for the elimination of the four departments in his March 10 speech to the National Newspaper Association.

"I commend Senator Abraham and Senator Faircloth for their willingness to ensure that these proposals are promptly reviewed and presented to Congress. Both Spence and Lauch have an essential combination of private sector and public service experience which will make them valuable assets to this important effort," Dole added.

In addition to the four Cabinet departments, the Task Force will also review other government departments and agencies and recommend elimination or downsizing as appropriate.

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