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**JOINT STATEMENT BY SENATE MAJORITY LEADER ROBERT DOLE
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REGARDING THE GAO AUDIT OF SENATE OPERATIONS
JULY 13, 1995**

"We are releasing today the results of an independent audit of the Office of the Senate Secretary and the Senate Sergeant at Arms office, the Senate's two largest offices.

"The audit, conducted by the General Accounting Office, represents the first step in an ongoing, bipartisan effort to scrutinize the operations of the Senate to ensure that Americans' interests -- and tax dollars -- are protected.

"The report shows that the Senate has been and continues to be well-managed. We are pleased to report that the audit found no irregularities. The two offices examined are in full compliance with all applicable laws, and Senate policies and procedures are adequate to safeguard the public's interests and assets.

"We appreciate the speed with which the GAO followed through on our request for an audit of these two offices. The Office of the Senate Secretary and the Sergeant at Arms should be commended for their efficient operations."

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