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WICHITA, Kans., May 10 -- Congressman Bob Dole today said the tax increase-spending cut proposal "may be the most difficult decision facing the Congress this year."

Speaking at the state Savings and Loan League convention here, Dole said, "Perhaps it boils down to alternatives, and how alternatives affect the American people."

"A tax increase is not desirable, but neither is more inflation or possible devaluation of the dollar."

Thursday House and Senate conferees wrapped up the big income tax increase and spending cut bill and sent it back to both houses for a final vote.

"The fact that the conferees reached an agreement does not assure passage," the Kansas Congressman said. "Voting to increase taxes is unpopular any time, but in an election year could be suicidal for many Members of Congress."

Noting President Johnson's opposition to the \$6 billion spending cut, Dole said, "It is possible if Congress sticks with the \$6 billion figure that the President might veto the entire package."

"If a tax increase appears inescapable, then this also must be wrapped into the package," Dole said.

"However, I will not support a tax increase which is merely the vehicle for another sharp spending spiral."