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WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 5 -- Congressman Bob Dole, Republican candidate for U.S. Senator, today urged Congressional investigation of charges contained in the September READERS DIGEST article entitled "Time for Reform in the IRS".

In a speech in the House of Representatives, Dole noted "most of the taxes paid in the United States are collected from middle class blue and white collar families where every penny of family income is important and must be budgeted."

"Often a taxpayer is pressured into paying a claim against him, when he knows he should appeal. He pays, because he cannot afford to fight the virtually unlimited resources of the Internal Revenue Service and its myriad of expert tax lawyers," Dole said.

The Kansas Congressman urged investigation of alleged IRS practices which *he said* pressure taxpayers unfairly, and *which* demand IRS employees to meet delinquent taxpayer quotas on a recurring basis.

Dole also urged Congressional action on his pending legislation, called "The Federal Tax Fairness bill", which would create a small tax division of the tax court. This division would hear appeals of claimants involving less than \$2,500. Designed to protect the small family taxpayer, the Dole proposal would require the government to pay the cost of appealing any decision of the small tax division to the tax court.

Under the Dole bill, any taxpayer would also retain the privilege of paying a claim against him, then filing an appeal with the tax court.