



# **NEWS** from **U.S. Senator** **Bob Dole**

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## DOLE CALLS FOR TAX HEARINGS

**KINSLEY**, KANSAS--Senator Bob Dole has called for Senate hearings on proposals to strengthen the minimum tax law. This is the law which is designed to assure that every high income tax payer -- regardless of loopholes -- pays some Federal income tax.

In a letter to Senate Finance Committee Chairman Russell B. Long (D-La), Senator Dole and Texas Senator Lloyd Bentson called attention to the "widespread public concern over the equity of our present tax system." And they pointed to the minimum tax provisions of the Internal Revenue Code as a feature which receives "continuing attention and criticism."

The Senators noted, "While the intent behind this feature of the law is clear, there is growing concern that the minimum tax is not achieving the results for which it was designed and instead offers some individuals an unfair opportunity to avoid bearing their proper share of the tax burden."

Both Senators are members of the tax-writing Finance Committee.

"We must make every effort to strengthen the equity and fairness of the tax system," Senator Dole said. "And I can think of no better place to start than by assuring that the minimum tax is a real tax and not just another loophole."