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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE ANTI-SPENDING PUSH GAINS MOMENTUM

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Although Senator Bob Dole's third attempt in three days to trim the federal budget failed today, Dole said, "It appears we are gaining support in our efforts to reduce Federal expenditures and curb inflation. Today's vote indicates that more and more Senators are becoming convinced we must hold down spending requests in all areas."

The 52-44 vote defeated Dole's motion to recommit the Public Works and Atomic Energy Commission ^{Appropriation} Bill to the Committee with instructions to cut expenditures to 3 percent below the budget request or a saving of \$176,182,000. The Kansas Senator's efforts yesterday to pare \$131 million from the Treasury Appropriation Bill failed by a 56-42 margin.

During floor debate today Dole said, "I recognize there are several Kansas projects in this bill and I support them. In my opinion, Kansans are prepared to bear an equal share of appropriation cuts along with everybody else. I simply feel that all projects should be cut equally and that all states should bear the pain of budget cuts equally."

Later Dole said, "If we are serious about curbing inflation, and we must be, then Federal spending must be trimmed back in all areas. While this could be painful, it's necessary. I believe the American people will recognize this need and bear the pain so long as the cutbacks are made fairly and all across the board."