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SENATE ANTI-INFLATION FORCES GROWING, PASS BYRD-DOLE AMENDMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The Senate today passed a budget-cutting measure co-sponsored by Senator Bob Dole, capping a bipartisan anti-inflation effort which has been gaining momentum in the Senate all week.

Today's 58-15 vote on the Byrd-Dole amendment introduced by Assistant Majority Leader Robert Byrd (D-W.Va.) reduces the Transportation Department appropriation by 3.5 percent or approximately \$100 million.

The bi-partisan effort began on Tuesday, when Dole led a minority of Senators in an effort to reduce the Agriculture Department appropriation. Saying he knew "nothing more painful politically" than voting against an agriculture appropriation, Dole said he felt some cuts were necessary "if we are serious about curbing inflation."

That initial effort captured only 26 votes, but on the following day, Dole introduced the first in what has become a series of budget cutting proposals. Dole's measure would have sent the Treasury Department appropriation bill back to Committee with instructions to cut it by 3.3 percent, or \$131 million. The measure received 42 votes in support and indicated growing Senate sentiment in favor of responsible budget cuts. Yesterday Dole's measure to trim more than \$176 million from the Public Works and Atomic Energy Commission Appropriation bill received 44 votes in support.

Dole called Friday's vote "the taxpayers first clear-cut victory on the Senate floor this year in the battle against inflation. There is no mistaking this vote," Dole added. "Its size is a clear indication that Senators can be convinced of the need for Federal restraint and its size also means the tax-payers have reason to hope for more victories this year in the fight against inflation."