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HUD APPROPRIATION BILL RECOMMITTED: EXPECT \$160 MILLION CUT

WASHINGTON, D.C.--"The taxpayers won a second apparent victory on the Senate floor today," says Senator Bob Dole, referring to a 74-2 vote to recommit an appropriations bill so that the Appropriations Committee can "cut out some of the fat."

Before the successful recommittal motion, Dole and three other Senators introduced a motion to require a specific 3% reduction from the amount requested in the budget for Housing and Urban Development Department programs and other programs funded by the bill. Dole said, "It is expected the Senate Appropriations Committee will reconsider the dollar amounts in this bill and cut it by an amount approaching the 3% level, which is approximately \$160 million."

On Wednesday of last week, Dole introduced a similar recommittal motion to the Treasury Department appropriation bill. Though that initial budget-cutting attempt by Dole failed, he introduced similar recommittal measures for other appropriation bill on Thursday and Friday. These measures gained support and Dole's move Friday to trim approximately \$100 million from the Transportation Department appropriation bill passed the Senate 58-15.

"I believe that if we are serious about doing something meaningful to curb inflation," Dole said, "then cutting the budget to reduce inflationary federal spending is the best place to start. The taxpayers have a right to expect some meaningful action by the Senate, and it appears, they are beginning to get it."