



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE CALLS ON CARTER TO LEND SUPPORT TO TAXPAYERS REVOLT

NEW YORK -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today called on President Carter to respond to the growing taxpayer revolt in America, asking him to increase efforts in dealing with "taxflation."

"It is apparent to everyone in the country, with the exception of the Carter administration, that the tax revolt initiated by Proposition 13 is sweeping the country," Dole said. "Americans are clearly telling Washington to stop the onslaught of big government and high taxes due to inflation.

"The tax and spending proposals offered by the administration have been dismantled, and now the Congress has less than three months to put the pieces back together."

"The administration has put our backs to the wall. I think the President should exert positive leadership and support tax measures that will eliminate the growing tax burden caused by our spiraling inflation.

"The President should back up his commitment to a balanced budget by supporting Constitutional limits on federal spending. If the Congress as a body does not respond, I hope the states call for a Constitutional convention to enact a Constitutional amendment to stop the devastating federal deficits.

"I believe that the federal government must respond to the cries for fiscal reality."

Last week Dole introduced four initiatives to provide tax relief. The Dole package calls for a Constitutionally balanced budget, and an end to "phantom taxes" caused by taxpayers being pushed into higher tax brackets because of inflation.