



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE SAYS INDEXING GAINING MOMENTUM AS MEANS OF FIGHTING INFLATION

EL PASO, Texas -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said today that yesterday's House decision to index the capital gains tax "was a significant step in the direction of curbing the inflation problem."

Speaking at a Jim Baker for Attorney General fundraising dinner, Dole said that the House action was similar to a provision he introduced in the Senate last spring.

"My Tax Indexation Act is simple," Dole said. "It would periodically adjust the tax system to compensate for inflation. It affects all three of our major federal taxes -- income, gift and estate."

Dole pointed to President Carter's failure to respond to meaningful tax efforts that he and other Republicans have proposed as a sign that the President is not yet willing to tackle the difficult problems involved in tax reform.

"President Carter has proposed more tax increases and opposed more tax reduction than any president in recent history," Dole said. "He's already signed a \$225-billion Social Security tax hike, proposed another \$125 billion in energy taxes, and threatened to impose \$12 billion in oil import fees."

Dole added that Carter's inability to effectively combat inflation have left Republicans who have strong anti-inflation proposals in a strong position.

"We mustn't let the American people forget that Republicans understood the need for tax relief long before 'Proposition 13 Fever' swept the nation," he said. "We must let the people know that Republicans have long stood for keeping more money in the hands of the people who earn it and less in the belly of big government. Right now, I feel that indexing is the best way to accomplish that."