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LEADING IOWA STATE SENATOR ENDORSES DOLE

CORNING, IOWA -- A veteran Iowa state senator today urged Iowan's to "vote their pocketbooks" and support Kansas Senator Robert Dole for the Republican Presidential nomination at Monday night's precinct caucuses.

State Senator James Briles, R-Corning, said that after reviewing the candidates he has decided to endorse Dole, the senior senator from Kansas who serves on the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee.

Biles said he has "no doubt that the people of my district -- and others in rural Iowa -- will be best served with Bob Dole in the White House. Senator Dole is the only candidate for the Republican nomination who has demonstrated an understanding of the problems facing farmers and the only candidate with a record of working for solutions to farm problems. Being from Kansas, he understands the problems of Iowa, a neighboring state."

Briles said he had delayed in "endorsing any candidate because it was a difficult decision, but in the final analysis Bob Dole is the best choice to represent the people of Iowa and to make sure Iowans have a President who cares about their problems."

Briles said that as a state senator and former Republican county chairman he has had the opportunity to visit with most of the GOP Presidential candidates and that he decided to back Dole because of his "experience in the Congress and his solid background in agriculture."

"After 19 years in the U.S. House and Senate, Bob Dole deserves the reputation he has earned as a leading spokesman for the farmers and he is the logical choice for Iowans to support at the Republican caucuses," Briles said.

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