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JOBS PORTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION ECONOMIC PROPOSAL OFFERS TIRED SOLUTIONS

TOPEKA, KS.-- The jobs portion of President Carter's economic package, announced today, "offers false hope, in the form of tired, failed solutions, to American working people," according to Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas).

Dole, ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the Reagan Economic Task Force, told a Topeka news conference audience this evening that "President Carter claims that his new jobs program will put 500,000 Americans back to work next year. Since 2.2 million Americans have lost their jobs since last December, restoring 500,000 jobs is the least this Administration should do. But even that 500,000 job figure is in question," added Dole. "A close examination of his program reveals that he intends to create these so-called 'new' jobs by utilizing the largely discredited CETA program, by speeding up other existing established employment programs, and by authorizing \$1 billion for the weatherization of buildings. It is difficult to see how these programs will lead to the fulfillment of the legitimate goals of our working people-- meaningful, permanent jobs at a fair wage," said Dole.

'Tax Cut' Jobs

"Presumably some of the jobs President Carter is talking about would come about because of his tax cut proposal. The only problem with that is that, before inflation, the Carter plan will only leave the average American family with an extra \$50 dollars-- and after you count in inflation, the average family will actually have less than they do today. That's hardly the kind of economics that'll lead to job expansion and recovery," said Dole.

Dole added that the Administration's reliance on the public sector to create jobs "simply indicates that the President and his advisors have run out of ideas and are falling back on failed policies of the past."

Incentives Needed

"During Senate Finance Committee Hearings held in July," Dole continued, "nearly every economist in the nation came before us to tell us that we needed a new, effective program capable of providing incentives that would allow us to reindustrialize our society. Most stressed that taxes needed to be cut, for individuals as well as business. Most stressed that investment and depreciation rules need to be liberalized. Nobody suggested the kind of half-hearted program that was unveiled by the Administration today," said Dole.

"There is no question in my mind that the American people will reject this bit of campaign season gimmickery and will vote instead for Governor Reagan and the economic policies of the Republican Party. The election could well be a referendum on Carter's economic performance-- and if it is, it will be President Carter himself who'll be looking for a job after November."