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DEMOCRATS DENYING TAXPAYERS RELIEF---DOLE STILL HOPES FOR ACTION

WASHINGTON -- "Yesterday, the Senate leadership blindly marched to the orders of President Carter and orchestrated a vote to deny a tax cut to the American people this year. In a party line vote, the Senate voted 54 to 38 to beat back a Republican effort to take up the Senate Finance Committee's tax cut package," Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) said today.

"The vote may be good news to the narrow political interests of President Carter, but it is bad news to the 8 million Americans who are out of work," said Dole, who is ranking Republican member of the Senate Finance Committee. "The vote is also bad news for all American taxpayers who will be paying \$86 billion in additional taxes next year without any tax relief. The clear consensus of the economic experts that testified before the Senate Finance Committee that the country needs a tax cut and it needs one this year. Their economic prescription was precisely the kind of noninflationary tax reduction that the Finance Committee reported out by a 19 to 1 vote," Dole said.

RECENT POLL

"A recent Gallop poll revealed that a majority of the American people want a tax cut this year. The Senate Democrats chief tax expert, Finance Committee Chairman Russell Long, also strongly believes that the Senate should promptly enact a tax cut. Senator Long broke ranks with the Senate leadership and voted with the Republicans. If other Senators felt free to vote their conscience, there is no doubt that the tax cut measure would have passed by a 2 to 1 margin," Dole added.

AMENDMENT ROUTE

"While yesterday's vote was a set back in the drive to enact a tax cut, I intend to continue to press the issue. As I have previously announced, I intend to carefully review every revenue measure that comes to the Senate floor and to offer the Finance Committee bill as an amendment to any appropriate vehicle," Dole concluded.