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DOLES PAID NEARLY \$4,500 IN STATE PROPERTY, INCOME AND INTANGIBLES TAXES LAST YEAR

HAYS, Kan. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today announced that he and his wife, Elizabeth, had paid a total of \$4,461.65 in Kansas state personal property, intangibles and income taxes in 1979.

"In the past five years Elizabeth and I have paid \$18,947.51 in state taxes," Dole said. "Some have suggested recently that paying nearly \$19,000 in state taxes during that period might not be enough to ensure that I adequately represent the needs of the people of Kansas.

"Although I do not currently own a residence in the state, I do pay property taxes. I have observed that generally it is only the wealthiest of senators who can afford to own a second home in their states while they are working full-time in Washington.

"The people of Kansas sent me to Washington to stay on the job. My 97 percent voting record attests to the fact that I have done just that. As ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, I am acutely aware of the problems Kansans and all Americans face with tax matters. I have worked to provide relief from the current high burden of taxes which this Administration wishes to impose on the American people.

"To imply that the level of state tax which I pay makes me any less sensitive to the needs of our people is utterly ridiculous."