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DOLE URGES PRESIDENT TO ENDORSE REVENUE ENHANCERS

WASHINGTON -- With the State of the Union message to be delivered by President Reagan in just four days, Senator Robert Dole (R.-Kan.), Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee today urged the President to endorse revenue enhancing measures that will help reduce mounting federal deficits:

"I, for one, hope that the President will ultimately decide to propose some modest revenue increases as part of a comprehensive program to cut the federal deficit. No one relishes the thought of increasing taxes. Nevertheless, triple digit deficits in fiscal years 1983 and 1984 are just not acceptable economically or politically. Massive federal deficits will have the direct affect of raising interest rates in the financial markets, and could ultimately produce more inflation. It is important to remember that even with a modest tax increase for fiscal years 1983 and 1984, there will still be a net tax cut in those years of \$200 billion.

"Over the past several weeks, I have talked to dozens of business leaders throughout the United States. The vast majority of these businessmen and businesswomen recommended modest tax increases as an essential ingredient of government fiscal policy.

"I do not subscribe to the fantasy that if we do nothing deficits will disappear. Some of those in Congress who are most vocally leading the fight against any tax increases propose nothing to **bring** spending under control. Indeed, their counsel at times has been to actually increase spending. It is hard to conceive a worse economic or political path to follow. Those who advocate that course have a responsibility to propose specifically how the President should address the looming out-year deficits."