

SENATOR DOLE RELEASES PERSONAL INCOME TAX INFORMATIONSENATOR DOLE RELEASES 1981 TAX RETURN INFORMATION

Senator Bob Dole stated today that he and Mrs. Dole paid a total of \$100,692 in Federal and State income taxes for calendar year 1981, and of that amount the Senator paid \$43,250 in Federal taxes and \$4,158 in Kansas taxes. Their return, filed yesterday, shows a total 1981 Federal tax payment of \$93,534, which Dole stated represented 80.62% of their combined salaries. In addition, they paid a total of \$7,158 in Kansas income tax. Senator Dole also released a summary of their joint 1981 Federal return, as well as summaries of previous released information for the years 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980.

- "Members' Deduction" -

Senator Dole explained in some detail the so-called "Members' tax deduction" which has been the center of controversy and, according to the Senator, much misinformation and inaccuracy by the media. He explained that the tax deduction resulted in a net estimated Federal tax savings of \$4,400, and he noted that critics in the media had suggested to Kansans and others that Members would pay no income tax because of the deduction, or receive a tax break in excess of \$19,000.

There were a number of options which could be used in calculating the deduction, and Dole stated he chose the minimum option, which allows a Member to deduct \$50 per day for each Congressional Day in the year, plus the normal long-standing standard deduction for home mortgage interest and property taxes. There were 256 Congressional Days in 1981. Dole subtracted 36 days, which includes 23 days he was hospitalized at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and 13 additional days (8 days in Kansas and 5 days elsewhere for business or personal reasons). Under present law, Dole was able to deduct \$14,267; under prior law, the deduction would be \$6,267 -- which as stated above, resulted in an estimated tax savings of \$4,400.

Dole indicated he could understand the frustration and anger of some in Kansas who were not given accurate information by radio, TV or newspaper reports. He noted the most flagrant and irresponsible media report was ABC-TV's program

"Twenty-Twenty", and that he had filed a strong protest with the President of that network.

Senator Dole said, "I have been in Congress for 21 years, and I think the record will indicate I have voted for only one pay raise in those years and have never been a party to increasing benefits for Members of Congress". Dole also noted that some wealthy members of Congress -- including one or two in the Kansas Delegation -- may not use the deduction.

- Other Highlights -

Other highlights of the Doles' 1981 return indicate that their combined salaries totalled \$116,017 and that Dole earned \$66,850 for speaking engagements, of which \$30,500 was donated directly to charities. Those charitable contributions (\$30,500) consisted of \$4,500 to the Kansas Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America, \$5,750 to the Kansas Foundation for the Blind, \$4,950 to Lakemary Center, \$250 to the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children & Adults of Kansas, \$1,250 to the Kansas Affiliate of American Diabetes Association, \$2,000 to Kansas Society for Crippled Children, \$1,700 to Kansas Elks Training Center for the Retarded, \$700 to the Institute of Logopedics, \$1,200 to the Capper Foundation for Crippled Children, \$200 to Kansas Jaycee Cerebral Palsy Foundation, and \$8,000 to Foundry United Methodist Church. The Senator stated that none of his income was from stocks or bonds, that he had no tax-sheltered income, and that his only other income was from his radio program which netted him \$15,700, \$6,083 in interest income from savings accounts and certificates of deposit, and a non-taxable retirement pension from the U.S. Army of \$11,663, which the Senator receives as a result of injuries sustained in World War II.

Detailed summaries of the five years' returns are attached.

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SENATOR AND MRS. BOB DOLE -- TAX SUMMARIES -- 1977-1981

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>5-YEAR AVERAGE</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>1/</u> 283,068	207,559	96,391	125,889	142,185	171,018
COMBINED SALARIES	116,017	60,663	67,970	107,500	103,666	91,163
HONORARIA	<u>1/</u> 66,850	29,850	20,325	22,500	24,209	32,747
EMPLOYEE BUSINESS EXPENSE	<u>2/</u> 17,873	<u>3/</u> 5,695	<u>3/</u> 7,470	<u>3/</u> 5,588	<u>3/</u> 4,945	8,312
ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME	257,695	198,264	88,921	120,301	137,240	160,484
FEDERAL TAXES WITHHELD	37,577	19,861	21,888	32,050	30,776	28,430
DEDUCTIONS:						
MEDICAL	150	150	150	150	150	150
STATE, LOCAL & OTHER TAXES	<u>4/</u> 20,426	11,600	5,304	9,666	8,328	11,065
INTEREST	<u>5/</u>	2,450	2,525	2,548	2,613	2,034
CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>1/</u> 46,710	19,919	6,417	7,938	6,829	17,562
MISCELLANEOUS	5,858	6,157	24,358	12,106	8,442	11,384
ADDITIONAL FEDL. TAXES PAID	56,935	60,191	16,536	4,487	18,458	31,321
TOTAL FEDERAL TAXES PAID	93,534	80,052	38,424	36,538	49,234	59,556
ALL TAXES PAID AS % OF ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME	44.22	46.22	49.17	38.42	41.94	43.99
% OF SALARY PAID IN ADDITIONAL FEDL. TAXES	49.07	99.22	24.33	4.17	17.8	38.92

1/ Includes \$30,500 in honoraria donated directly to charity (see attachment) by sponsoring organization.

2/ Includes \$14,267 Section 5E.274-8 expenses, calculated as follows: 256 Congressional Days total for 1981, less 36 Congressional Days Senator Dole was hospitalized or away from home for business or personal reasons; multiplied by \$50 per day (\$11,000). Also includes a separate deduction of \$2,374 for home mortgage interest and \$893 for property taxes on home.

3/ Includes \$3,000 Section 162(A) deduction for living expenses in D.C.

4/ \$893 in standard property taxes deduction for D.C. home included in Employee Business Expenses.

5/ \$2,374 standard home mortgage interest deduction included in Employee Business Expenses.

NOTE: Total income does not include \$15,700 net income from Senator Dole's radio program, \$6,083 in interest income from savings accounts and certificates of deposit, and a non-taxable retirement pension from the U.S. Army of \$11,663 which the Senator receives as a result of injuries sustained in World War II.

ATTACHMENT -- SENATOR DOLE SPEAKING HONORARIA DONATED DIRECTLY TO CHARITY

\$4,500	Kansas Chapter, Leukemia Society of America
\$5,750	Kansas Foundation for the Blind
\$4,950	Lakemary Center (Paola, KS)
\$ 250	Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children & Adults of Kansas
\$1,250	Kansas Affiliate, American Diabetes Association
\$2,000	Kansas Society for Crippled Children
\$1,700	Kansas Elks Training Center for the Retarded
\$ 700	Institute of Logopedics
\$1,200	Capper Foundation for Crippled Children
\$ 200	Kansas Jaycee Cerebral Palsy Foundation
<u>\$8,000</u>	Foundry United Methodist Church (Washington, D.C.)
\$30,500	