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DOLE SEES OPTIMISM IN CONTINUING EFFORT TO REACH COMPROMISE BUDGET

WASHINGTON -- Senator Robert Dole (R.-Kan.) today said there is still reason for optimism in current budget negotiations. Dole made the observation following today's compromise budget session at the White House.

"I've been asked to explain my 'thumbs up' signal at the White House today following the compromise session. The working group is meeting tomorrow, and if we are still meeting, then that is still reason for optimism," Dole explained.

"The next few days are critical--it is a make or break time in the compromise effort. As far as I can see, there has been no loss of interest in the compromise effort. Attendance remains near perfect and the communication lines to the President and the Speaker remain open. We will continue this work tomorrow, and every other tomorrow as long as we are making progress," Dole said.

"As far as specifics, I will not comment on the facts, figures or negotiating points. The fact of the matter is, nothing has been agreed on yet," Dole concluded.