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SENATOR DOLE CALLS THE TAX BILL
THE ONLY HOPE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

WASHINGTON -- Senator Robert J. Dole (R. Kansas) said today that passage of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act, H.R. 4961, offers the only realistic hope of obtaining additional unemployment compensation relief this year. This bill contains up to 10 weeks of additional benefit for about 2 million workers who have or will exhaust their benefits under existing unemployment programs.

"If H.R. 4961 passes, relief will become available beginning September 12th. If H.R. 4961 is defeated it will be impossible to get any relief by September 12th and it is unlikely that relief could be enacted this year," Senator Dole stated.

"I remember only too well the end of session snags in 1980 that blocked any supplemental unemployment benefits from being enacted during the last major recession. I fear that this desperately needed relief will suffer the same fate if H.R. 4961 is defeated," observed Senator Dole.