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DOLE: LET'S GET MOVING ON BIPARTISAN DEFICIT PLAN

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, today urged members of Congress to seize the opportunity to hammer out a bipartisan plan to deal with federal deficits. Dole made his remarks to a Congressional Leadership Seminar sponsored by Ernest Wittenberg Associates, Inc.

"The State of the Union address established the framework for a bipartisan budget summit that gives us a real opportunity to make progress in addressing the budget deficit. In my view the goal of a \$100 billion deficit reduction "downpayment" is feasible, even in an election year. Who knows, when all the responsible parties sit down, we might even do better," Dole said.

"Nevertheless, we can't afford to squander this opportunity. For some time, responsible members of both parties have been demanding some kind of summit on the budget. Now we have been given the chance and we should make the most of it: the good of the country demands no less."

"We must put politics aside and get to work now on a budget plan without preconditions or posturing. The nation is more concerned with results not politics."