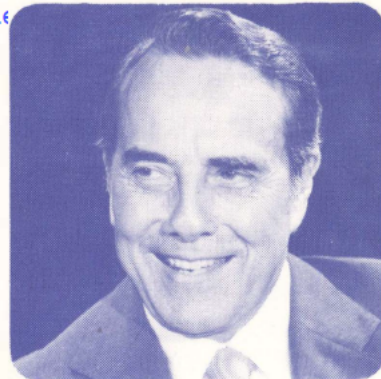


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DOLE DISAPPOINTED WITH THOSE WHO VOTED AGAINST DEFICIT
REDUCTION PACKAGE
"A 'NO' VOTE WAS IRRESPONSIBLE"

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, was disappointed today with members of Congress who voted against the \$63 billion deficit reduction package which passed the House and the Senate late Wednesday night.

The so-called downpayment package passed the Senate by an 83-15 vote and the House by a 268-155 margin.

"I hope we will not be hearing any more speeches from members who have told us all these many months how concerned they were about the deficits and then voted against deficit reduction. Last night they had their chance to vote for a significant first step toward deficit reduction but chucked it.

"I am pleased to say that a great majority of Congressmen and women seized the opportunity to vote responsibly. Unfortunately, with sustained economic recovery at stake, some members only nitpicked and complained about the bill. Most of these members were still advancing the spend and spend philosophy while professing to be concerned with the deficit. Of course, they would rather have the next generation pick up the tab for their big spending. It's the height of irresponsibility to cold shoulder this important legislation when the American public is demanding action."