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DOLE AND DOMENICI PRAISE HUMPHREY'S WORK IN SENATE--
"WE NEED GORDON," SAY BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- In a rare joint campaign appearance, Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici (R-NM) and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bob Dole (R-KS) today strongly praised the budget work of Senator Gordon Humphrey and urged the voters of New Hampshire to send him back to Washington for another term.

Following is a joint statement issued by Senators Dole and Domenici, the Senate's chief economic legislators:

There's been a lot of talk lately about taxes, most of it coming from Walter Mondale. He's already told the nation he will raise taxes if elected. That unwelcome promise doesn't sit well with us, the American people, or Gordon Humphrey. The people of New Hampshire want someone who views higher taxes as a last resort, not a top priority like Mr. Mondale and his liberal friends do. The choices are clear in 1984: either we continue to grow with the Reagan recovery, or we turn the country back to the big spending Democrats who brought us 21% interest rates...and now, promises of huge tax hikes.

Despite the critics' cries to the contrary, we Senate Republicans have managed to help President Reagan change the course of this country in the past four years. We well remember the agony of the Carter/Mondale Administration.

There's plenty of work ahead, however. Tip O'Neill and the Democrats have a 100 vote margin over the Republicans in the House, and we Senate Republicans don't always agree on everything. But we do have a common goal: to help Ronald Reagan get our government back under control. And that means getting a handle on government spending.

As Chairmen of the Budget and Finance Committees, we know how important Gordon Humphrey is in this battle. The National Taxpayers' Union agrees: that government watchdog organization has determined that Senator Humphrey decreased the American taxpayer's burden more than any other member of the Senate in 1983.

This country is in the midst of a strong economic recovery. Prosperity has returned, and we can't turn the reins of government back to the liberals who controlled Congress for a quarter-of-century.

Ronald Reagan is going to be in the White House for another four years. He needs Gordon Humphrey in the Senate to finish what has been started. We need Gordon Humphrey in the Senate. He works hard, commands respect on the Senate floor and is a nice guy, too. What more could you want?