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DOLE TO DEMOCRATS: LOTS OF SMOKE, NO GUN
POVERTY FIGURES ENCOURAGING

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said today that despite Democrat attempts to disparage the gains made by Americans since the Reagan recovery began, today's figures released by the Census Bureau on real income and poverty are encouraging.

"The increase in real income for average families was the first gain since 1979. It must have been a slow day if Tip O'Neill made a press conference based on these statistics. The Speaker claims there's a 'smoking gun' here, but all I see is lots of smoke," said Dole.

"What the Speaker fails to tell us is that these statistics on poverty do not reflect the 5 million new jobs that have been created since these numbers were collected in 1983. The continuing Reagan recovery has by now pulled millions of those under the poverty line back to work."