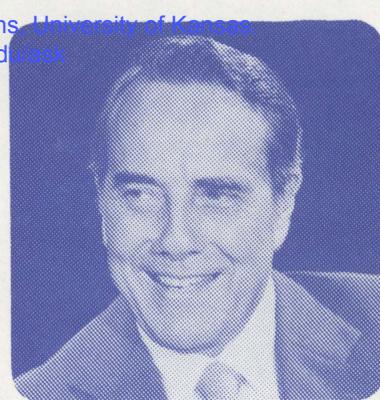


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REPUBLICANS OFFER DRUG CONTROL ACT OF 1986

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today introduced a comprehensive Republican anti-drug package designed to take a tough yet fiscally responsible approach to eradicating drug abuse. Dole unveiled the Drug Control Act of 1986 at a Capitol Hill press conference that included a dozen Republican co-sponsors.

STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE

STARTING TODAY, THERE CAN BE NO TURNING BACK. OUR COURSE IS SET AND OUR DETERMINATION GREAT: WE MUST--AND WE CAN--ELIMINATE THE NIGHTMARE OF DRUG ABUSE FROM OUR SOCIETY ONCE AND FOR ALL.

I AM PLEASED THAT MANY OF MY REPUBLICAN COLLEAGUES HAVE JOINED ME TODAY IN INTRODUCING THE "DRUG CONTROL ACT OF 1986". MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN LEADERS IN THE WAR ON DRUGS LONG BEFORE IT BECAME OUR DESIGNATED NATIONAL PRIORITY.

THIS BILL MAY NOT BE PERFECT, NOR IS IT A PANACEA. BUT IT IS POWERFUL REARMAMENT FOR OUR NATIONAL WAR ON DRUGS. SO LET THE MESSAGE GO OUT LOUD AND CLEAR--TO EVERY PUSHER; TO EVERY ADDICT; AND TO ANYONE ELSE WHO IS EVEN THINKING OF TAKING THE FATAL PLUNGE--LOOK OUT, WE MEAN BUSINESS!

THE DRUG CONTROL ACT OF 1986 IS INDEED A COMPREHENSIVE ACT. OUR REPUBLICAN INITIATIVE INCORPORATES THE BEST IDEAS OF THE ADMINISTRATION, THE HOUSE DRUG BILL AND THE RECENT SENATE DEMOCRAT PACKAGE. IT WILL HELP MUSTER ALL THE RESOURCES OF A FREE SOCIETY--BOTH IN AND OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT--TO BATTLE DRUG ABUSE...AND WIN.

THERE IS A BOTTOM LINE ON OUR BILL--WE DIDN'T GO WILD ON COST OR POLICY. WE DON'T HAVE TO GET HOOKED ON THE SPENDING HABIT TO BEAT AMERICA'S DRUG HABIT. WE MUST GET MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY OUT OF EVERY TAXPAYER DOLLAR WE SPEND. IT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY IF CONGRESS FELL INTO THE OLD TRAP--DUMP MONEY ON THE PROBLEM, PUT OUT A PRESS RELEASE AND CLAIM WE'VE FOUND A SOLUTION.

IN MY VIEW, THIS ISN'T A CONTEST TO SEE WHICH POLITICAL PARTY WINS THE ANTI-DRUG RACE. THE VICTIMS OF DRUG ABUSE COULDN'T CARE LESS. WE STAND READY TO WORK WITH THE DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP IN BOTH HOUSES AND THE WHITE HOUSE TO PRODUCE THE BEST BILL FOR AMERICA.

EVERY SENATOR HERE TODAY, AND MANY OTHERS, OFFERED TIME, ENERGY AND EXPERTISE TO THIS EFFORT. BECAUSE OF THEIR COMMITMENT, THE DRUG CONTROL ACT OF 1986 PROVIDES THE TOUGH, SENSIBLE APPROACH TO DRUG ABUSE AMERICANS ARE DEMANDING. AND NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO TELL YOU ABOUT THEIR SPECIAL CONCERNS.

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