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DOLE NAMES DEFICIT COMMISSION CHOICES: DOMENICI AND KLECKNER

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) TODAY FILLED HIS TWO SLOTS ON THE NEWLY-CREATED NATIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION BY SELECTING RANKING REPUBLICAN BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER SENATOR PETE DOMENICI (R-N.M.) AND AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION PRESIDENT DEAN KLECKNER.

"WHEN IT COMES TO BATTLING THE FEDERAL DEFICIT THESE TWO MEN HAVE THE RIGHT STUFF: RESPECT, EXPERIENCE, DEDICATION, AND A DISTASTE FOR TAX INCREASES."

SENATOR DOMENICI, A 13 YEAR VETERAN OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH SENATOR DOLE IN THE BATTLE TO SLASH RECORD-SETTING FEDERAL DEFICITS AND TO SUSTAIN ECONOMIC RECOVERY. HE IS THE FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE AND NOW SERVES WITH DISTINCTION AS THE PANEL'S RANKING REPUBLICAN.

"I CAN'T IMAGINE AN ECONOMIC COMMISSION THAT DIDN'T INCLUDE PETE DOMENICI. HE HAS BEEN A REAL HERO WHEN IT COMES TO TACKLING THE DEFICIT, KEEPING INFLATION DOWN AND PROMOTING ECONOMIC RECOVERY," DOLE SAID.

IN 1981, DOLE AND DOMENICI HELPED ENACT RONALD REAGAN'S ECONOMIC BLUE PRINT FOR AMERICA -- THE 1981 BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT -- THAT SLASHED \$130 BILLION OFF THE DEFICIT WITHOUT RAISING TAXES OVER A THREE YEAR PERIOD.

KLECKNER, WHO HAS BEEN PRESIDENT OF THE FARM BUREAU SINCE JANUARY, 1986, IS A RUDD, IOWA FARMER WHOSE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTS 3.6 MILLION FARM FAMILIES. THE FARM BUREAU IS AMERICA'S LARGEST FARM ORGANIZATION.

"DEAN WILL GUARANTEE THAT GRASSROOTS AMERICA WILL HAVE A STRONG VOICE ON THE COMMISSION. HE UNDERSTANDS THE NEEDS OF FARMERS, SMALL BUSINESSMEN AND WOMEN AND WILL HELP PROTECT THE ECONOMIC GAINS WE'RE BEGINNING TO SEE IN RURAL AMERICA. DEAN AGREED WITH ME THAT TAX INCREASES AREN'T THE WAY TO GO. IN FACT, HE TOLD ME FLAT OUT 'BOB, DON'T PUT ME ON THE COMMISSION IF THEY'RE EXPECTING SOMEONE TO RAISE TAXES'," DOLE SAID.

"WHEN IT COMES TO THE ECONOMY, THERE'S MORE THAN ENOUGH WORK TO GO AROUND. WE'LL KEEP PLUGGING IN CONGRESS WHILE WE LOOK FOWARD TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION. IT HAS SOME IMPRESSIVE MEMBERS WHOSE INPUT WILL BE HIGHLY VALUED ON CAPITOL HILL. I AM NOT EXPECTING ANY QUICK FIXES, BUT I DO HOPE TO SEE SOME COMMON SENSE SOLUTIONS THAT DON'T TRY TO BALANCE THE FEDERAL BOOKS ON THE BACKS OF THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER," DOLE CONCLUDED.

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