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DOLE JOINS PRESIDENT IN SIGNING OF LANDMARK WELFARE BILL

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) A KEY CO-SPONSOR OF A LANDMARK OVERHAUL OF THE NATION'S WELFARE SYSTEM, TODAY ATTENDED A ROSE-GARDEN CEREMONY WHERE PRESIDENT REAGAN SIGNED THE HISTORIC BILL INTO LAW.

The legislation, which Senator Dole helped draft, is the first major overhaul of the welfare program since it was enacted in 1935. The bill provides training and support systems to parents who make a commitment to find jobs and become independent.

"The key to this new approach is that it gives real hope to families who want to free themselves forever from the web of poverty and government handouts. It contains a long overdue workfare provision that will have many welfare recipients working, learning and earning their government assistance. They will now have the chance to get an education, learn skills, which will ultimately translate into good, paying jobs. And that's a goal we all applaud," Dole said.

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