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BUDGET

DOLE STATEMENT FOLLOWING LATE NIGHT BREAK-UP OF BUDGET SUMMIT AT
ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE: "MAJOR DIFFERENCES ON DOZENS OF ISSUES"

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS) LATE MONDAY NIGHT RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AFTER THE BUDGET SUMMIT AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE BROKE UP WITHOUT A BUDGET AGREEMENT.

WE'VE PROBABLY SEEN THE LAST OF ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE -- THE SEQUESTER IS OVER.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE'RE LEAVING WITHOUT A CONSENSUS BUDGET PACKAGE. IT'S NOT QUITE AN IMPASSE, BUT IT'S PRETTY CLOSE TO ONE. AFTER 10 GRUELLING DAYS, THERE ARE STILL MAJOR DIFFERENCES ON DOZENS OF ISSUES, ALL THE WAY FROM 'A' FOR AGRICULTURE TO 'Z' FOR ENTERPRISE ZONES.

IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH, BUT IT'S STILL NOT IMPOSSIBLE AND NO ONE IS GIVING UP.

THE PROBLEM IS, WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME. WITH ABOUT 20 LEGISLATIVE DAYS LEFT, A MOUNTAIN OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS ON CAPITOL HILL, AND STILL NO BUDGET, IT IS GOING TO TAKE A MIRACLE FINISH BY CONGRESS TO GET THE JOB DONE.

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