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## TAX RELIEF FOR GULF TROOPS

DOLE WINS IRS TAX DEADLINE EXTENSION FOR DESERT SHIELD TROOPS;  
WILL SEEK RELIEF FROM IRS INTEREST PENALTIES

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE SAID TODAY HE WILL INTRODUCE LEGISLATION AS SOON AS THE 102ND CONGRESS CONVENES THAT WILL WAIVE IRS INTEREST PENALTIES FOR AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN THE PERSIAN GULF WHO ARE UNABLE TO FILE THEIR INCOME TAXES BY THE APRIL 15TH DEADLINE.

HEEDING A CALL BY SENATOR DOLE THIS PAST WEEKEND, THE IRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT WAS EXTENDING THE TRADITIONAL APRIL 15TH DEADLINE FOR ANOTHER 60 DAYS FOR OPERATION DESERT SHIELD TROOPS.

HOWEVER, DOLE SAID "IT STILL ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH" BECAUSE THOSE SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES FILING AFTER THE APRIL DATE WOULD HAVE TO PAY AN INTEREST PENALTY.

"I AM PLEASED THE IRS HAS AGREED WITH ME ON EXTENDING THE APRIL 15TH DEADLINE, BUT THEIR ACTION REALLY DOESN'T MEAN MUCH WITHOUT RELIEF FROM INTEREST PENALTIES," DOLE SAID. "THAT'S WHY I WILL INTRODUCE PRIORITY LEGISLATION NEXT MONTH TO GIVE THE IRS THE AUTHORITY TO GET THE JOB DONE. IT'S NOT THE IRS'S FAULT. UNDER CURRENT LAW, IT IS PROHIBITED FROM WAIVING SUCH PENALTIES. IF SOLDIERS CAN'T BE EXPECTED TO OBTAIN AND COMPLETE ALL THEIR NECESSARY PAPERWORK IN A FOREIGN DESERT, THEY SHOULDN'T BE PENALIZED BY THEIR GOVERNMENT."

DOLE'S LEGISLATION WILL ALSO EXTEND THE FILING DEADLINE EVEN FURTHER IF THAT BECOMES NECESSARY.

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