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GAYS IN THE MILITARY

CLINTON "COMPROMISE" IS JUST DAMAGE CONTROL; A BIG MISTAKE.

ST. LOUIS, MO -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole, in St. Louis to address the Winter Meeting of the Republican National Committee, today issued the following statement regarding President Clinton's announcement on gays in the military:

The so-called Clinton compromise is nothing more than political damage control for a besieged White House.

Regrettably, President Clinton has decided to ignore the overwhelming majority of the American people, military experts, veteran groups and the advice of Senate Republicans and many Democrats on the gay issue.

It's a big mistake. He should have called for a 6-month time-out to truly study this controversy so Congressional hearings could proceed. For some reason, however, Bill Clinton is determined to make gays in the military a top priority, and his determination will force Congressional action next week, notwithstanding last night's limited court ruling which applies only to part of California.

After campaigning almost exclusively on the economy, it's ironic that Bill Clinton's first public address to the nation as President is on lifting the ban on gays in the military.

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