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CLINTON'S NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM

DOLE SUPPORTS CONCEPT OF NATIONAL SERVICE; PRICE TAG PRESENTS BIGGEST CHALLENGE

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today issued the following statement regarding the national service program unveiled today by President Clinton:

I support the concept of national service and look forward to working with President Clinton on his proposal. Last year, I worked with Senator David Boren of Oklahoma and other colleagues in an attempt to produce a community service program for America's youth along with job training for the hard-core unemployed.

I agree we need to instill a new sense of national service, a sense of dedication to make the lives of our neighbors better. This can be accomplished, in part, with a public service agenda made available to our youth.

The most challenging part of this new initiative will be to find a way to pay for its \$9.5 billion cost during the first five years. Deficit reduction continues to be the top priority on the nation's agenda, so that may force certain modifications in the announced program.

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