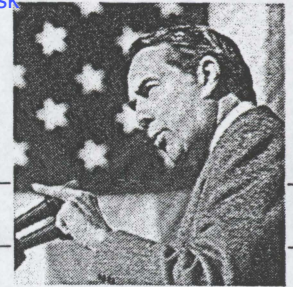


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GOP STOPPING DEFICIT SPENDING, NOT STOPPING GOVERNMENT:
ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PARTIES;
REPUBLICANS PROTECTING TAXPAYERS -- WHITE HOUSE STILL DOESN'T GET IT

CINCINNATI, OHIO -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement regarding the status of President Clinton's so-called stimulus package:

"President Clinton can't lock-out Republicans and hide behind the 'gridlock' gimmick any longer. We're not stopping the government, we're stopping the Democrats' deficit spending and saving the taxpayers a bundle.

"I can understand the President's frustration now that the American people realize that this issue has nothing to do with political tactics, and everything to do with a fundamental difference between the two parties -- Republicans want to cut spending and force Congress and the White House to pay for programs, the Democrats want to increase spending and not pay for it.

"The White House still doesn't get it. It isn't 'gridlock' and 'politics,' it's about protecting the American taxpayers from spending billions of their dollars on pork projects that won't create many permanent jobs and will only add to the deficit.

"And when the President talks about 'compromise,' I hope he means he'll start paying for his spending programs, just as the American people are demanding."

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