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DEMOCRATS' PHONY LAST-MINUTE ATTACKS JOIN DEATH & TAXES AS LIFE'S ONLY CERTAINTIES: CLINTON ADMINISTRATION WILL SAY ANYTHING TO KEEP CONTROL OF CONGRESS; BAD NEWS FOR WHITE HOUSE-NO ONE BELIEVES THEM

DENVER, COLORADO -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today issued the following statement:

The Clinton administration has proven that the only certainties in life are death, taxes, and the Democrats' phony last-minute attacks on Republicans and Social Security. President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and their allies will say almost anything to keep control of Congress, no matter how desperate, false, or hypocritical their scare tactics are.

While some in the liberal media give the White House's phony desperation attacks plenty of free ink and air time, the record of the Clinton administration has been largely ignored. It's time again to look at the facts.

Despite all the hype from the administration's spin doctors, the White House tax laboratory never stops trying to invent new ways to hit the middle class. Remember, it is the Clinton Administration that authored the biggest tax increase in American history, proposed a broad-based energy tax aimed right at America's heartland, and has dreamed up wild new tax options including a \$160 billion national sales tax, elimination of the current state and local income tax deduction, a health benefits tax hike, and a cap on the home mortgage interest deduction.

President Clinton has also already hiked taxes on Social Security. In his first budget, he proposed a whopping \$32 billion tax increase on middle-income Social Security recipients affecting single retirees earning more than \$25,000 and couples earning more than \$32,000 per year. On March 24, 1993, when Republicans voted unanimously to kill this tax hike on millions of American seniors, 52 Senate Democrats voted with President Clinton to save his tax increase on more than 5 million Social Security recipients. And the White House may not be finished targeting Social Security, since their internal budget options for next year include billions of dollars in new Social Security cuts.

Let's also not forget the Clinton administration's proposal to cut Medicare nearly \$150 billion -- \$48.3 billion over five years in his 1994 budget, and another \$97.3 billion over five years in his 1995 budget -- as well as the fact that they're considering up to \$150 billion in additional Medicare cuts.

The good news for the American people is they'll have to listen to the White House's campaign hypocrisy for just six more days. The bad news for the White House is the American people don't believe them today, and they won't believe them on November 8th.

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