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DOLE ANNOUNCES 5 GOP WORKING GROUPS ON POLICY & REFORM ISSUES

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole today announced that he has appointed five Senate Republican working groups to study several key issues, including Congressional reform proposals, that the 104th Congress will face.

Working groups have been established to cover the following issues: Committee Reorganization, Congressional Coverage, Term Limits, Balanced Budget, and Unfunded Mandates. The working groups, some of which have already begun meeting, will work with their counterparts in the House, and will regularly update the Republican Leadership.

"Senate Republicans heard the election message from the voters loud and clear. These working groups are dedicated to making certain we properly translate that message into action," Dole said.

Dole said working groups on other issues are expected to be formed throughout the year.

The working group membership is as follows:

Working Group
on Committee

Domenici
Cohen
Cochran
Warner
Lugar
Mack
Hutchison
Gorton
Senator Elect Kyl
Senator Elect Thompson

Working Group
on Balanced Budget

Hatch
Craig
Hutchison
Domenici
Brown
Thurmond
Senator Elect Kyl
Senator Elect Snowe
Senator Elect Frist
Senator Elect Gorton
Senator Elect Grams

on

Grassley
Stevens
Smith
McConnell
Nickles
Coats
Hutchison
Gorton
Senator Elect Thompson
Senator Elect Abraham

on Term Limits

Senator Elect Ashcroft
Senator Elect Grams
Senator Elect Thompson
Senator Elect Thomas
Senator Elect Frist
Senator Elect Kyl
Coats
Inhofe

on Unfunded Mandates

Kempthorne
Hatfield
Roth
Murkowski
Hatch
Coverdell
Bennett
Senator Elect DeWine
Senator Elect Ashcroft
Senator Elect Snowe
Senator Elect Thomas
Senator Elect Grams