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## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS REFORM**

### **STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE**

**PORTSMOUTH, NH -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement regarding signing of the Telecommunications Act of 1996:**

"The sweeping telecommunications reform bill stands as one of the most historic accomplishments of this Republican Congress, and I'm pleased that the Administration has finally embraced our free market approach to this critical issue. We have delivered a huge jobs creation bill that will make America more efficient, more productive, and more competitive.

"By creating good jobs and promoting choices for consumers, this bill opens the door to the 21st century. This common sense bill relies on competition, not big government, as the best regulator, and that's a long overdue step in the right direction.

"I also look forward to the next step in telecommunications reform, which will be comprehensive reform of the digital spectrum. I am pleased the FCC joined me in pulling the plug on any giveaway of this valuable resource. Congress will have full and open hearings on this issue to ensure the protection of the American taxpayers."

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