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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans) stated today he would vote against approving the Conference Report on H.R. 4806, which would extend unemployment benefits.

Dole, one of thirty House members who voted against the original House version, stated he did so because reports indicated there were over seventy million dollars in Unemployment Compensation Reserves in Kansas and with the Kansas Legislature in session, its members could more accurately determine the real needs of Kansas unemployed than some far removed federal agency.

The bill, H.R. 4806, now comes back to the House of Representatives after minor modification by Senate-House conferees. Dole charged, "Kansas employers should be told a report from the Senate Finance Committee, based on information furnished it by the Department of Labor, indicates Kansas employers will pay an additional \$8.5 million tax under H.R. 4806, but that estimated benefit payments <sup>for Kansas unemployed</sup> under this bill ~~will~~ <sup>only</sup> be \$3.5 million.

"In other words, Dole stated, "Kansas employers are being called upon to help pay for unemployment compensation programs in deficit states where benefits paid will exceed tax collections, as this legislation authorizes use of the Kansas excess.

"Even more startling," Dole said "is the fact that the estimated total surplus from all state collections, \$55.8 million, derived at by subtracting the total of estimated tax collections in all states, \$984 million, from estimated benefit payments in all states, \$928.2 million, will be so distributed under H.R. 4806 that deficit states (states where estimated benefit payments will exceed estimated collections) of New York, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey and Pennsylvania will receive a lions share of it.

"I will not vote for legislation requiring Kansas employers, who have their own financial problems, to help finance Unemployment Compensation programs for New York, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Two weeks ago the Democrat "hierarchy" in Kansas termed me a "reactionary" for voting against the House version of H.R. 4806, which would have then, and will now, if passed, discriminate against Kansas employers. I suggest the "hierarchy" might better spend its time studying arithmetic and how some of this "new frontier" legislation will affect Kansas."