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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) sharply criticized the Kennedy Administration proposals to remove the 4 per cent credit on dividend income and to withhold tax on dividends and interest on savings deposits.

Dole asserted the Administration's claim that dividend credit helps only a relatively small number of taxpayers is misleading. "More people than ever are investing in corporate stocks and furthermore, corporations will pay taxes on corporate earnings at unreasonable rates before earnings in the form of dividends are distributed to stockholders. To remove the present dividend credit and \$50 dividend exclusion constitutes double taxation", Dole charged.

"To require tax withholding from income on savings deposits would be a great injustice to thousands of people who do not have sufficient interest and other income to require the filing of a tax return."

"In this category will fall thousands of elderly people and minors who will be required to file returns asking for a refund of money that should never have been withheld in the first instance and in many cases these people will need assistance in preparing their Return requesting the refund and will incur added costs in having them prepared. Furthermore, it will impose an added burden on those who will be required to withhold and report such taxes," Congressman Dole stated.

Dole added, "The Administration's proposals will discourage savings and investment by young and old and penalize those persons who rely on earnings from dividends and interest to help meet their necessary monthly living expenses."

"If the reckless spending program proposed by this New Frontier Administration continues to be enacted we can expect every conceivable source of taxation to be tapped and when we pay our taxes we can look for comfort in those now famous words, 'it's not what your country can do for you, it's what you can do for your country.'"