



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE DISAPPOINTED BY BALANCED BUDGET VOTE; CALLS LONG AMENDMENT 'A SMALL, FIRST STEP'

Kansas Republican says he will reintroduce balance-the-budget measure as amendment to other bills this session.

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) said this afternoon that he was "disappointed" that the Dole-Armstrong amendment to the Debt Ceiling Limitation bill was narrowly beaten back and he called the Long substitute language "a very small first step, at best, in the fight to get the Congress to face up to deficit spending and bloated budgets."

Dole, who led the four-day fight to require the Congress to balance the budget by 1981, said he felt the votes cast last Thursday, this Monday, and today indicate that there is a strong and growing block within the Senate who favor a legislatively mandated balanced budget.

"The fact that my move to add the Dole perfecting amendment to the Long amendment failed so narrowly, 46-44, indicates to me that we have a real chance to pass a balance the budget measure in this Congress. And I intend to continue my effort to press this issue," said Dole.

"The question of fiscal policy and a balanced budget is one of the most important that will come before the Senate this year. We owe it to the American people to make our best effort in this area. And as far as I'm concerned, our best effort would be to pass a balanced budget bill as soon as possible."