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## DOLE CALLS FOR 'REAL TAX RELIEF' TO STIMULATE ECONOMY

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole, ranking Republican member of the Senate Finance Committee, today called for the Congress to pass "a real tax relief package to help stimulate this nation's economy and unburden the American taxpayer."

The Kansas Republican noted that the Carter Administration now predicts that inflation and unemployment will be significantly higher than previously stated during the next 12 months.

"The Administration is simply coming to grips with economic reality. We are in a recession. That is why we Republicans offered a tax incentive program for business earlier this week, and that is why I am now calling for a tax cut for individuals."

### Need For Tax Indexing

Senator Dole stressed that what's needed "is a real tax cut, one that includes my tax indexing proposal. Over the past seven months inflation has been running above 13 percent," said Dole, "and, in order to keep up, people will be asking for cost-of-living increases. They have to do so to pay the bills and buy the groceries and they deserve it. But the trouble is that the cost-of-living increase pushes most taxpayers into a higher tax bracket-- and they lose whatever they've gained because they have to pay a higher percentage of their income in taxes."

"Without indexing, the federal government will realize a windfall profit as a result of inflation. This is outrageous-- truly taxation without representation. And then, to add insult to injury, the Democrats in Congress come along every couple of years and offer what they purport to be a 'tax cut'-- a bill which doesn't usually even restore the money taken away by inflation-induced bracket creep."

"I plan to join with my colleagues, Democrats and Republicans alike, to push for an indexing proposal when the Senate returns from the August recess. Last year Senator Hart and I were able to get almost 40 votes on our indexing proposal. With 20 new members of the Senate this session, and with public awareness on this issue heightened, I am sure we can achieve victory," said Dole. "Six states now have some sort of indexing proposal on the books and it's about time the federal government did so. This tax rip-off has got to stop."