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DOLE ENDORSES WITHHOLDING CHANGES

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) today strongly endorsed the Department of Treasury's revisions to regulations dealing with withholding on dividend and interest income for tax purposes.

Today's announced Treasury refinements were considered by Democratic and Republican leaders, including Senate Finance Committee Chairman Dole, in a Capitol Hill conference with Treasury Secretary Don Regan.

"I am adamantly opposed to any effort to repeal interest and dividend withholding. Nevertheless, I am equally adamant in my intention to see that all of the potential technical problems associated with withholding are satisfactorily resolved and the system is made workable," Senator Dole said.

The revisions announced by the Treasury Department today postpone withholding on original discount instruments until January 1, 1984, allow institutions a longer period to commence withholding where the payee is unknown, expands the election of year-end withholding, and makes other clarifications with respect to transactional reporting, nominees and backup withholding. These changes are the product of extensive consultation with financial institutions and Members of Congress that have been conducted since the proposed withholding regulations were announced.

"In my mind, these revisions are proof that the Treasury Department and advocates of withholding will respond to legitimate concerns of the financial institutions about withholding," Senator Dole stated. "Secretary Regan pledged to me today that he will continue to work with the Finance Committee and other interested Members of Congress to resolve any other technical problems with withholding that are identified," Senator Dole concluded.

The bi-partisan withholding conference with Secretary Regan included Senator Dole, Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker; House Ways and Means Chairman, Dan Rostenkowski; a representative from Speaker O'Neill's office; House Minority Leader, Bob Michel; and Ranking Republican on the House Ways and Means Committee, Barber Conable.