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DOLE HAILS SUPREME COURT'S TUITION TAX CREDIT DECISION

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.), chief sponsor of the Administration's tuition tax credit bill, today hailed the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to uphold the constitutionality of tuition tax relief, and predicted that the decision would help passage of the President's legislation.

"The Court made it clear that carefully crafted tax relief legislation would not improperly promote religion in violation of the constitution. This is good news for millions of American parents who bear the double burden of public school taxes and private school tuition," Dole said.

Dole, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, successfully guided the Administration's bill through the Senate Finance Committee, where the measure was approved in May.

"The Court wisely recognized the strong public interest in assuring the continued financial health of private schools, the public benefits possible with private education, and the importance of the wholesome competition and diversity provided by alternative schools," Dole said.

Dole noted that the Court drew an important distinction between tax relief provided to parents, and direct assistance to private and parochial schools, a distinction maintained in the Administration's bill.