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HOUSE VOTE BOOSTS PROSPECTS FOR MEANINGFUL DEFICIT REDUCTION

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-Ks.) today praised the House of Representatives for showing its desire to achieve meaningful deficit reduction in 1985.

"The House has given new life to the budget process and to prospects that Congress will approve real spending restraint this year," Dole said. His comments followed House action instructing House budget conferees to assure maximum deficit-reduction by requiring savings equal to those achieved with a one-year freeze on Social Security cost-of-living-adjustments, if that provision is dropped. The motion was sponsored by Rep. Delbert L. Latta (R-Ohio), the ranking Republican on the House Budget Committee.

"If this action shows what the House is willing to do," Dole said, "then we should be able to resolve the budget issue very quickly. I view this as a real breakthrough," Dole added.