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DOLE SAYS PRESIDENT IS STILL "DOMINANT FORCE"

(Washington, DC) -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole said tonight that the President's seventh State of the Union address proves that "Ronald Reagan is still the dominant political force in Washington."

"The President didn't duck the tough issues, including the Iran controversy," Sen. Dole noted. "He was right to publicly accept responsibility for what happened. Now it's time for Congress to move on and begin focusing on the many critical problems facing the nation."

"The President has sent us his legislative agenda for domestic and foreign policy which should give Congress plenty to do, judging by the Administration's focus on catastrophic health care, American competitiveness overseas, welfare reform, and the deficit. Once again, he underscored his willingness to work with Congress."

"On aid to freedom fighters, arms control and support for SDI, I'm with the President 100-percent. We shouldn't let the Iran controversy obscure our vital national security interests in Central America - and that means continued support for the Contras in Nicaragua. I'm pleased the President restated his support for arms control, but was also equally firm in stating that he's not going to compromise our security just to reach an agreement. He made it clear he'll use his veto power to prevent that kind of disaster."