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DOLE ON PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL DRUG SPEECH: "NO TIME FOR NITPICKING
OR TAX INCREASES!"

"THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE FED-UP WITH DRUGS AND CRIME. THEY WANT ACTION, AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT PRESIDENT BUSH IS PROMISING. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT'S NUMBER ONE ON THE DOMESTIC AGENDA WHICH IS JUST WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT TO HEAR. THE PRESIDENT'S PACKAGE ALSO REFLECTS WHAT CONGRESS PRESCRIBED IN OUR 1986 AND 1988 ANTI-DRUG BILLS.

WHAT WE DON'T NEED NOW IS INSTANT CRITICISM AND NITPICKING ABOUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN. HE HAS PROVIDED THE LEADERSHIP TONIGHT TO BRING THE COUNTRY TOGETHER TO TAKE ON ONE OF THE TOUGHEST FOES AMERICA HAS EVER FACED.

CONGRESS HELPS SPEND ABOUT \$1 TRILLION EVERY YEAR, SO I FEEL CONFIDENT WE CAN FIND ENOUGH FUNDING TO FUEL OUR WAR ON DRUGS. I JUST DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE TO RAISE TAXES TO PAY FOR IT. THIS IS A WAR ON DRUGS, NOT A WAR ON THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER."

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