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## DOLE ON CRIME REPORT

### TALK IS CHEAP: TIME TO GET TOUGH ON CRIMINALS

WICHITA - SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS) TODAY RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE REPORT RELEASED YESTERDAY BY THE FBI ON VIOLENT CRIME IN AMERICA.

YESTERDAY'S FBI STUDY SHOWING THAT VIOLENT CRIME HAS INCREASED BY 10% IS A "911-CALL" TO EVERYONE IN THE DEMOCRAT-CONTROLLED CONGRESS.

VIOLENT CRIME IS SKY-ROCKETING -- WITH 23,600 MURDERS COMMITTED LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 100 TIMES MORE AMERICANS MURDERED ON THE HOME-FRONT THAN KILLED DURING ALL OF "DESERT STORM."

LAST YEAR, PRESIDENT BUSH PROPOSED A CRIME BILL THAT WOULD HAVE PUT A BIG DENT IN THE FBI'S STATISTICS. THE PRESIDENT'S BILL ESTABLISHED AN ENFORCEABLE FEDERAL DEATH PENALTY FOR THE MOST HEINOUS CRIMINALS. IT REFORMED HABEAS CORPUS PROCEDURE TO STOP THE ENDLESS MERRY-GO-ROUND OF CRIMINAL APPEALS THAT CLOG-UP THE COURT SYSTEM AND DELAY JUSTICE FOR THE VICTIMS OF CRIME. AND THE PRESIDENT PROPOSED A "GOOD FAITH" EXCEPTION TO THE EXCLUSIONARY RULE SO THAT CRIMINALS WILL BE PUNISHED, NOT RELEASED FROM JAIL AND PUT ON THE STREETS BECAUSE OF LEGAL TECHNICALITIES.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS REJECTED EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THESE TOUGH, ANTI-CRIME PROPOSALS, OPTING FOR A WATERED-DOWN BILL THAT HAS NOT PUT A SINGLE VIOLENT CRIMINAL BEHIND BARS.

DEMOCRATS HAVE TO FACE THE FACTS. IF THEY REALLY WANT TO GET TOUGH ON CRIME, THEY HAVE TO START GETTING TOUGH ON CRIMINALS FIRST.

PROPOSALS LIKE THE "BRADY BILL" AND A BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS MAY MAKE FOR GOOD "SOUND-BITE" POLITICS. BUT THEY WILL DO LITTLE, IF ANYTHING, TO STOP THE REAL PERPETRATORS OF CRIME -- THE CRIMINALS THEMSELVES.

CRIME IS MORE THAN A LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUE. IT'S A CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE TOO -- FOR THE FIRST CIVIL RIGHT OF ALL AMERICANS IS THE RIGHT TO LIVE FREE FROM FEAR. EARLIER THIS MONTH, PRESIDENT BUSH PROPOSED A "TOUGH-ON-CRIMINALS" PACKAGE THAT WILL GO A LONG WAY TO ENSURE THAT THIS CIVIL RIGHT IS PROTECTED FOR EVERYONE, IN EVERY COMMUNITY.

IF THE DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS WERE REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT CIVIL RIGHTS AND CRIME, THEY WOULD GET BEHIND THE PRESIDENT'S BILL AND PASS IT WITHOUT DELAY.

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