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SENATOR BRADLEY'S RETIREMENT

STATEMENT OF SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE

I consider Bill Bradley a friend, and I respect his decision to leave the Senate.

No doubt about it, Senator Bradley's retirement gives the Republican Party a great opportunity to pick up yet another seat in the Senate, and to help break the Democrats' gridlock strategy. The media doesn't seem to focus on "gridlock" much anymore, but the fact is, it's imperative to have 60 votes to pass most important reforms these days. The Democrat minority has erected 60 vote hurdles on reform after reform, including the Balanced Budget Amendment, the Line-Item Veto, Legal Reform, Regulatory Reform, Unfunded Mandates, and the list goes on and on. Welfare reform is probably next.

If politics is "broken," as Senator Bradley suggests, putting 60 Republicans in the Senate is a way to fix it.

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