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DOLE CALLS PRESIDENT'S CLEAN AIR PACKAGE IMPORTANT FIRST STEP

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS), CALLED PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH'S CLEAN AIR PACKAGE AN "IMPORTANT FIRST STEP" IN SOLVING THE NATION'S AIR POLLUTION PROBLEM. HE INDICATED THAT THE PROPOSAL, ANNOUNCED TODAY IN WASHINGTON, CONTAINS A "MIXED BAG" OF PROVISIONS WITH "SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY".

THE PROPOSAL, THAT WILL BE FORMALLY SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, PROVIDES A WIDE RANGE OF PLANS TO BATTLE THE NATION'S AIR PROBLEMS IN THE AREAS OF ACID RAIN, URBAN AIR POLLUTION AND TOXIC AIR EMISSIONS.

"I WOULD CONSIDER WHAT I HAVE SEEN SO FAR AS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP TO ATTAIN CLEANER AIR IN THE UNITED STATES," DOLE SAID. "NOBODY WILL BE TOTALLY SATISFIED WITH THIS PLAN, HOWEVER THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY BECAUSE IT IS A MIXED BAG OF SOLUTIONS."

"I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE PRESIDENT'S CALL TO BUILD ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PAST. I KNOW THAT MY COLLEAGUES ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING REALISTIC AND COST-EFFECTIVE PROGRESS TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY," DOLE SAID.

DOLE SINGLED OUT AS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT PROVISIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN ALTERNATIVE FUELS PROGRAM. THE PLAN CALLS FOR A REQUIREMENT THAT OXYGENATED FUELS BE USED IN NON-ATTAINMENT AREAS TO REDUCE CARBON MONOXIDE AND OZONE LEVELS.

"I AM ENCOURAGED THAT THIS PLAN PROVIDES FOR IMPORTANT PROGRESS TO BE MADE IN THE AREA OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS. ETHANOL AND ETBE WILL BE VITAL TO THE NATION'S CLEAN AIR EFFORT. ONLY WHEN WE GET MILLIONS OF AMERICANS TO PARTICIPATE BY USING CLEAN-BURNING, OXYGENATED FUELS LIKE ETHANOL WILL WE SEE SOME MEANINGFUL REDUCTIONS IN OZONE AND CARBON MONOXIDE LEVELS."

DOLE ALSO INDICATED THAT THE PLAN WAS A BLUEPRINT FOR ADDRESSING ACID RAIN REDUCTION THROUGH CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT AND REDUCING TOXIC EMISSIONS THAT HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SIGNIFICANT SCIENTIFIC DEBATE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.