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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans), speaking in Pittsburg, Kansas, at a fund-raising dinner for Fifth District Congressman Joe Skubitz, Wednesday night said he agrees with the statement made by Democrat Majority Leader Mike Mansfield that next year Congress should "spend less time on new legislation and more time correcting oversights in legislation" passed during the First Session.

Dole said, "The Mansfield confession should be good for the soul of the American people and also encourage some of the rubberstamp Democrats in Congress to at least take a serious look at legislation before voting either 'Yes' or 'No'. The statement by Senator Mansfield can certainly be interpreted to mean that "one-party, one-man" rule does not serve the American people well."

"One conclusion to be drawn from the First Session of the 89th Congress," Dole said, "is that whenever the party that holds possession of the executive branch of the national government also enjoys overwhelming dominance in the Congress, the Congress becomes a satellite of the President."

Dole cited a number of examples of rubberstamping by the Democrat-controlled Congress. He stated, "The Arts and Humanities Bill was railroaded through the Committee on Education and Labor after about 15 minutes of consideration, and even a motion that the bill be read -- before the vote -- was rejected by the majority party." He also cited the action taken by the Education and Labor Committee concerning the Elementary and Secondary Education Bill. When this bill was considered on the floor, 25 amendments were offered, and at least 10 were rejected without any debate because of the gag-rule limitation imposed by the majority party. This bill was so quickly

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considered that two of its best supporters gave members of the House contradictory explanations of its application to non-public schools.

The Higher Education Bill was considered for only about 20 minutes before being pushed out of the Committee on Education and Labor. This action was so bad that a Democrat supporter of the bill called the bill's handling a "mockery of the legislative process".

Dole said that while this Administration's propaganda experts, paid by public funds, extol the virtues of this Administration, they might well mention some of the other records set by the Johnson Administration which have not been called to the public's attention. These would include:

"The national debt reached a record high, standing at \$317.9 billion at the end of fiscal year 1965.

"The First Session of the 89th Congress has appropriated more money than any earlier Congress, except in time of world war. Appropriations this year total \$119.3 billion, \$36 billion more than the last Eisenhower Congress in 1960.

"The gold holdings of the Federal government reached a record low in August, 1965, when they amounted to \$13.9 billion, down \$1.5 billion since the end of 1964.

"The cost of living reached a record high in July, 1965, when the Consumers' Price Index was 110.2 (1957-59 = 100).

"Consumer debt reached a record high in July of 1965 at a level of almost \$81 billion.

"Farm debt, up nearly 50 percent since 1961, stands at a record high. Expenditures of the Department of Agriculture are at a record high. The number of employees in the Department is at a record high."