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LAKE TAHOE, Nev., Nov. 2 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today said "maintaining party momentum is probably the greatest gift Republicans can present President Nixon."

Speaking here at a Douglas county Republican fund-raising dinner, Dole asked, "How can President Nixon be expected to implement his philosophy when the chairman of the Democrat National Committee wants 'to take the gloves off on Vietnam'? How can the President be expected to enact his legislative programs when Democrats control the committees and can freeze legislation they do not want debated on the Senate floor or in committees?"

Pointing out President Nixon is the first Chief Executive since 1849 to come into office facing opposition majorities in both the House and Senate, Dole said, "The President needs Republican majorities in Congress to support and implement his programs. We need Republican majorities so we can move forward with Republicans, not around Democrats."

"Hardworking party workers can make the difference in this year's gubernatorial races and next year's Congressional races," he added. "A Republican in the White House, we now must move to capture control of the Senate next year and perhaps the House."

"The numerical ratio of 25 Democrats and 10 Republican Senators up for re-election plus the growing dissatisfaction with many Democrats elected in the big Democrat years of 1958 and 1964 add up overwhelmingly in our favor."

"The Republican tide which began with putting Richard Nixon in the White House is still rolling across the country. The momentum must be maintained and translated into solid Republican victories to help the President meet the challenges of the 1970's."

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