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BANGOR, MAINE, OCT. 15, 1970 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today speaking at a dinner honoring Neil Bishop, candidate for U.S. Senator from Maine, called support for President Nixon the crucial issue of this year's Congressional campaign.

Dole said that this support can be achieved by gaining a Republican majority in the Senate and, "with only seven additional seats, we will take control."

Dole said, "The state of maine can make a great contribution to this effort by electing a junior Senator who supports President Nixon on the important issues."

"I happen to believe that President Nixon enjoys generally strong support in the great state of Maine because the people here have confidence in his programs and in the President himself. I believe the people of the great state expect Democrat office holders in Maine, as well as in other states accross the nation, to lay aside partisan politics from time to time to support the President -- whoever he may be -- when it is in the national interest. Unfortunately, this has not been a pattern followed by your junior Senator, who I believe too often and too quickly -- for partisan purposes -- lowers the boom on the President, the Vice President, and the Republican Administration generally."

"The junior Senator has further ambitions, as do a dozen other Democrat Senators. I do not criticize this but do question the path that he and other liberal Democrats have chosen to follow."

The Kansas Senator continued, "I believe the citizens here want a stepped up fight against crime; they want economy in government; they want peace, but peace with honor -- not surrender; and above all, they hope and pray that America will retain its position as leader of the free world."

Dole said the greatest concern of the people is the war in Vietnam. "This nation has sent the best of an entire generation to those jungles on the edge of the world, but so many of these men -- so many, many, many more of these men than

we can afford -- we have carried home."

"We have a President who is bringing our young men home now. He is doing it while at the same time safeguarding the investment we have made in behalf of freedom in Vietnam. And he is conscious, as every man in Washington is conscious, of the agonizing nature of the task. Never has the support of the people and the support of the Congress been more important to the President than it is today."