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WASHINGTON -- SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KAN) SAID PRESIDENT REAGAN'S 1986 STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS HIT ALL THE RIGHT NOTES -- BUT ADDED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS ITS "WORK CUT OUT" IF IT IS TO ACHIEVE ITS AMBITIOUS GOALS.

"I am gratified that this year President Reagan topped his "Agenda for the Future" with the need to cut the federal deficit. If we in Congress and the administration join forces in the battle of the budget, we can indeed get the government back in shape and fiscally fit. The President's support of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings, the Constitutional amendment to balance the budget and the line item veto, bolsters the chances that we will. "

"As usual, President Reagan hit all the right notes -- touching the primary concerns of the nation and Congress," Dole said. "But let's face it, the administration's agenda is jam-packed with thorny issues. It's going to take all the President's considerable persuasive powers and the rest of the administration's whole-hearted efforts, to work with Congress and deal with them. -- They've got their work cut out."