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DOLE CALLS RHETORIC COMMENDABLE, BUT QUESTIONS REALITY OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- "President Carter's rhetoric is commendable, but the reality of getting a welfare reform package through Congress may be another problem," Senator Bob Dole warned today. "In short, the choice is not whether to reform welfare, but how to reform welfare. President Carter's proposals would cost about \$6 billion -- \$3.3 billion in tax relief and \$2.8 billion in new spending -- a figure that will be unpopular in Congress and hard for taxpayers to accept."

"Now that President Carter has given us his broad outline, it will be up to the Congress to determine its effectiveness. We can undoubtedly expect a long, hard struggle to arrive at the right approach."

The Kansas Senator also said the Republican Party "has an obligation to, and will, come up with alternative welfare proposals which may differ with President Carter's plan."