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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans) said there was little to cheer about in the President's State of the Union message, unless you believe in federalizing unemployment compensation, increasing taxes, repeal of right-to-work laws, trade with Communist countries, expanding the war on poverty, longer terms for Congressmen, increasing the federal bureaucracy, and further erosion of states' rights.

"The halfhearted applause during the speech by some of my Democrat friends was indicative of their lack of enthusiasm for the President's message. The message was, for the most part, a pledge to continue and expand "Great Society" programs, only now the President wants to extend the boundaries of the "Great Society" to include nearly every country in the world, at our expense."

"I was interested in the President's comments about a proposed Highway Safety Act for 1966, plans to meet the growing menace of crime in the streets, additional plans to prevent water and stream pollution, his endorsement of new legislation to revise the present unrealistic restrictions on political contributions, and comments about expanding the "Food for Peace" program."

"It will take weeks to fully digest and analyze the message because it was long, vague, and politically oriented," Dole concluded.