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In prepared remarks delivered before a Republican Campaign Seminar in Emporia today, First District Congressman Bob Dole called for "...a greater number of those who are nominal Republicans to become active Republicans, to really take a hand in determining the future of their country, their state, and their own lives."

Partially defining an active Republican as "...someone who does not ignore the growing number of Democrats and Independents who share our principles and beliefs, and who works to bring them into the Republican fold," Dole recalled that just a handful more votes in a relatively few precincts across the country would have elected a Republican President in 1960.

Turning to the question of why more active Republicans are needed, the Congressman emphasized that "the power and scope of government has increased to such an extent, the activities of government at all levels, but especially at the federal level, have so proliferated that for a citizen to have a full influence on the course of his very existence, he must play an active role in the process of choosing those people who will govern him. The day is long gone," Dole continued, "when a responsible citizen could turn up his nose at politics, dismissing it as the province of 'someone else', of 'the politicians'. The decisions that are made in Washington -- and in Topeka -- are simply too important to be ignored."

Stressing that Members of Congress share in the responsibility to promote Republicanism, Dole cited speeches he has made "...in about 40 states in all sections of the country...." and "in many Kansas counties, in and out of the 1st District, for the Republican ticket at the national, state, and local levels."

Dole cautioned that "...we must be careful in our zeal to promote Republicanism as we interpret it, that we channel our efforts in the right direction.... We should....avoid potentially divisive efforts made outside the regular Party framework."

Concluding by pointing out that "it is part of our responsibility as active Republicans to work....to help develop more active Republicans," Dole stated that "the stakes are too high for us not to give it our all."