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MANHATTAN, Kans., July 11 -- Congressman Bob Dole tonight called for a vast review of the federal government's operations to help cut the federal budget.

Speaking at a Republican meeting here, Dole said, "America's leaders must cut a good number of nonessential items and programs from the federal budget."

"We've got to set some priorities on what programs we can afford to pursue now and which we can postpone," he added.

"In my judgment," he said, "one of the first long-range steps we should take is to initiate a thorough, realistic and objective examination of just what federal department, what agency is doing what, for whom and what it costs."

"We have a sprawling federal government which many people neither understand nor believe," he said. "We have mounting evidence of government waste, overlapping and duplication. In addition, many of government's operating methods today are relics from the horse-and-buggy days of government 50 years ago."

"The results of a massive review," he said, "would cut the federal budget by billions of dollars and inject more efficiency and effectiveness and more coordination into the proliferating activities of the federal government."

Dole estimated federal spending rose 80 percent between 1960 and 1967. He said the number of federal employees has increased 25 percent and the cost of the federal civilian payroll has jumped 75 percent in the same period.

The Congressman, a former member of the House Government Operations Committee, recommended setting up a commission of 12 members -- two from the Senate, two from the House and eight to be appointed by the President. The eight presidential appointees, he said, should not, at the time of their appointment, serve in any governmental position other than in an advisory capacity.

"Some may say that setting up another Commission is not the answer," Dole said. "But such a Commission as I am suggesting -- with the majority of the members from outside government -- is the only way we can begin to comprehend and then take action to reasonably eliminate, update or strengthen each part of the federal system."