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BIG SPRINGS, TEX. Oct. 10 -- "The Democrat party is frightened to death they are going to lose their majority in Congress and I think they show rare perception," U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said here tonight. Dole spoke at a dinner for George Bush, candidate for U.S. Senate.

"When Richard Nixon came into office, the prestige of the Presidency was as low as it has been in this century. People just didn't believe in the Presidency any more," Dole said.

"Today the economy is coming back under control. Business and consumer alike have faith again in a sure, steady and responsible hand at the economic helm.

"Our troop strength in Vietnam has been steadily reduced and last Wednesday, as the nation watched, President Nixon detailed the most far-reaching peace initiative this nation has ever taken to end the war in Southeast Asia.

"Americans' faith in the President's ability and his intentions and his integrity are well placed. But I think it is important to know just exactly what the President is up against.

"He is up against a Democrat Congress which has kept its majorities by spending the people's money and then pointing with pride to all that has been done for the people.

"He is up against a group of peace opportunists who, instead of supporting his efforts for peace, have hampered him at every step -- doing everything likely to prolong the intransigence of Hanoi. And at the same time, they criticize him for not bringing peace quickly enough.

"If the President is to successfully wage peace in Southeast Asia and stabilize the economy he must have a Congress that will back him.

"We have seen change; political deals have given way to positive deeds; rhetoric has given way to reality; persistent discord has given way to the positive direction and the decisive leadership of President Nixon. I believe America has herself in hand again. We are going forward. The outcome of this year's elections could well determine how far forward we go."