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INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Oct. 22 -- Terming the November election one of the "most important off-year elections in the history of the United States," U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said support for President Nixon is the "crucial issue" of this year's campaign.

Dole spoke at a dinner here for Congressman Richard Roudebush, candidate for the U.S. Senate.

"The American people are about to decide whether the President shall have a Congress which will allow him to fulfill his mandate -- the mandate given him in November, 1968 -- the mandate to restore peace in Vietnam, to restore domestic tranquility in America, to restore the integrity of the dollar in America, and to restore faith in the Presidency of the United States of America," Dole said.

"President Nixon has fought to fulfill his mandate and keep his covenant with the American people.

"He has forged on with his work in spite of that willful litter of liberals who see their power slipping away like sand through the great gap between their concern for the nation and their concern for themselves; between their promises and their performance; slipping away through the holes in their political philosophy.

"The President has done a great deal. But there is a great deal left to be done. He cannot do it with a Democrat majority in the Senate.

"We must elect men who put America first; men whose first responsibility is not to themselves, nor to their party, but to this nation and its people.

"Dick Roudebush has proved that he is such a man. We need him in the Senate."