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## ZERO-BASED BUDGETING A FLOP, DOLE SAYS

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. -- "President Carter's highly-touted zero-based budgeting  
loy, which was supposed to control the growth of federal bureaucracy, has flopped,"  
en. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said today at a 10th Congressional District luncheon.

"After one year of zero-based budgeting, only a handful of the nearly two million  
jobs in the federal bureaucracy were deemed to be unnecessary. The American people know  
better. They don't need a budget gimmick to know that the federal government spends too  
much money, that it issues too many regulations, that it's taking far too many of the  
hard-earned dollars of the American people to keep the regulatory monster in Washington  
float.

"Unless the President and Congress get a handle on federal spending and regulation,  
government red tape will cost the American consumer over \$100 billion next year. The  
American people know that there is something fundamentally wrong when it takes 70,000  
pages each year to spell out government regulatory policy and when \$5 billion of direct  
expenses for regulatory agencies wind up costing over \$100 billion to American business --  
costs that are passed right along to the consumer.

"I think it's time for the President and Congress to get serious about money, to  
rein in the regulatory monster, to pare back the scale of government, and to provide  
substantial measure of tax relief to the American people.

"We've reached the point where it's taking hundreds of thousands of dollars of  
tax money to support just one federal employee each year. Common sense says that is  
absurd. And so do the American people."