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WASHINGTON----Senator Robert Dole (R.-Kan.) today said he was encouraged by President Reagan's 1983 Budget proposal, but continued to call for measures that will further reduce mounting deficits:

"I am encouraged that the President is continuing his pledge to cut excessive Federal spending and burdensome taxation. Although major steps have been taken to curtail the growth of government, much more needs to be done," Dole said.

"The President's Budget document clearly demonstrates the need for Congress to make tough decisions to reduce future deficits. Unless these decisions are made, more inflation and economic stagnation will be with us for a long time," Dole added.

"A large part of the deficit reducing program will require Senate Finance Committee action. As Chairman of that committee, I welcome the opportunity to work with the President. In addition to the proposed revenue increases over the next two years, we are asked to trim billions of dollars in the next fiscal year from entitlement and other programs within the Committee's jurisdiction," said Dole.

"Congress is ready to work with the President on the budget. But we all know the budget process is a give-and-take affair. No President ever gets everything he wants. If deficits continue to flirt with triple-digit status, I am prepared to suggest additional ways to cut back those rising deficits.

"With continued strong leadership by President Reagan, I am confident we can make great progress to achieve fiscal responsibility in the coming months."