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DOLE DENOUNCES DEMOCRAT TRICKSTERS: "LEAVE HALLOWEEN TO THE KIDS"

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-KS) today denounced Democrat tricks on the campaign trail, as the 1986 campaign for control of the Congress came down to the wire.

"Halloween pranks can be a lot of fun, but let's face it -the tricks are for kids, and American voters are intelligent adults," Senator Dole said. "Our voters deserve better than the Democrat scare stories that are flooding the media all around the country."

Senator Dole, in the middle of a western campaign swing, has been travelling the country for several weeks in support of Republican candidates. "I'm sorry to say that wherever I go, it's the same old story: With no issues to run on, the Democrats are resorting to cheap innuendo, character assassination, and phony fright tactics to try to intimidate the voters," Dole said. "And when they have nothing else to go on, they dig up that old hobgoblin, social security, to try to scare our senior citizens."

"Well, the people know better. The proud record of the Republican Senate and the Reagan recovery can't be wiped out by Democrats who are out grave-digging for issues long laid to rest," Senator Dole added. "Republicans are tackling the issues head-on, while the Democrats are hiding behind their fright-masks. But let's not forget one thing: Behind those Halloween disguises are the same tired old Democrats -- for big government, big spending, high taxes, and a puny defense. They won't even allow President Reagan the right to build a space-age defense for the American people."

"But if you want a real Halloween horror story, think of putting that crowd in charge of the U.S. Senate. That's what the voters are really thinking about."