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Bob Dole (R-Kansas) complimented Democratic critics who labeled him a "reactionary" because he voted against a bill to extend Unemployment Compensation benefits.

Dole stated, "According to Webster's Dictionary, a reactionary is defined as 'one favoring return to an older order', and as applied apparently means I favor returning to realistic Constitutional Government. This is certainly an 'older order' and a forgotten frontier to the Democrat leadership bent on socializing agriculture, business, education, medicine and nearly every other field of endeavor. I'm flattered Democratic rulers aren't criticizing me just because I am a Republican."

Dole added, "Had the Democrats who labeled me "reactionary" investigated, they could have easily learned that Kansas now has millions of dollars in excess reserves for unemployment benefits and that the question of extension of benefits could have been determined by the Kansas Legislature now in session. The Democrat leadership in Kansas is apparently so concerned with concentrating power in Washington, they have literally forgotten anything can be done on a state or local level. The crux of the matter is not opposition to helping unemployed but whether the Federal Government should assume more and more responsibility in this field, and this I am opposed to."