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DOLE COMMENDS HOUSE MEMBERS FOR HOLDING FAST ON BALANCED BUDGET

OMAHA, NEB.-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) said today that he "commends and congratulates those members of the U.S. House of Representatives who are trying to make Congress accountable on the balanced budget issue."

Dole, speaking in Omaha prior to a fundraiser for former Senator Carl Curtis, said that House Minority Leader John J. Rhodes (R.-Arizona) "is standing tough" in his attempts to attach an amendment to the national debt ceiling bill currently before Congress.

The provision advanced by Rhodes and others is similar to the Dole Amendment, which was narrowly beaten back in the Senate last week when Senator Russell Long (R.-Louisiana) offered a watered-down version.

The Dole Amendment calls for a balanced budget by 1981, with an "escape" provision-- a two-thirds vote by both Houses of Congress would allow for deficit spending in emergency situations.

"The debt limit will expire at midnight tonight (Saturday)," said Dole. "But all the talk of a 'crisis' is, in my opinion, overblown. The real crisis is the terrible record of the Congress and the Administration to limit deficit spending. I hope the House will act Monday to end this disgraceful situation.