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DEMOCRATS "RAIN DANCE" ON BUDGET BRINGS "RHETORIC DOWNPOUR"
DOLE CHALLENGES CRITICS TO PRODUCE THEIR BUDGET

"Democrats have had a field day this week dumping on President Reagan's budget. But now people are asking where is their plan? Unfortunately, they don't have one. It's easy to criticize to score some cheap political points, but that's not leadership," Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole said.

"I expected the usual partisan rain dance over the budget, but all the Democratic hollering has given us a torrential downpour of rhetoric."

"So, if the Democrats think they can do better, let them try. If they have all the answers -- as they say they do -- let them meet the budget challenge: In the coming month, let the Democrats put together a "balanced" budget plan -- one that meets the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit target; one that they think realistically funds both domestic and national security programs; and one that they believe accurately reflects economic conditions," Dole said. "That way, when the Bush Administration takes office, everyone's cards will be on the table. And the serious budget deliberations can begin immediately."

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