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# Dole, O'Dell campaigns trade criticisms

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The Associated Press

TOPEKA — Republican Sen. Bob Dole's campaign Thursday criticized Democrat Gloria O'Dell's position on budget issues, while O'Dell attacked Dole's votes against family-leave and cable-television bills.

Kathy Peterson, Dole's campaign press secretary, accused O'Dell of ducking budget issues and of trying to hide her opposition to a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution requiring a balanced federal budget. Dole supports the proposal, as well as a proposed amendment to allow the president to veto individual spending items.

Mrs. Peterson's comments came after O'Dell criticized the senator for voting against a cable-regulation bill Monday and to



Dole O'Dell

sustain President Bush's veto of the family-leave measure Thursday. She said both votes showed Dole is out of touch with his constituents.

"It's time for her to explain why she doesn't support a balanced-budget amendment," Mrs. Peterson said, referring to O'Dell. "That's what we should be talking about."

O'Dell has repeatedly tried to paint Dole as a career politician whose nearly 30 years in Congress have left him out of touch with ordinary Kansans. She also has tried to make PAC contributions an issue, hoping voters will see him as indebted to special interests.

The Dole campaign has criticized O'Dell for being vague because she has yet to provide detailed proposals on budget and health-care issues. However, its attacks so far have been limited and usually have come in response to O'Dell's statements.

Dole has been vocal in his support of the balanced-budget and line-item veto proposals. Supporters of the proposals note that many states — including Kansas — have similar provisions in their constitutions.

Mrs. Peterson said Dole believes Congress will not approve a balanced budget and make significant cuts in the federal deficit unless it is forced to do so.

Before Thursday, O'Dell had not made a definitive public statement on either proposal. Her plan on the deficit called for a tax increase for wealthy Americans and said "authentic action" is needed.

The O'Dell campaign did not respond to Mrs. Peterson's statements Thursday, despite a request from The Associated Press.

Mrs. Peterson said of O'Dell's position on the balanced-budget amendment: "She's against it, and she knows people are for it in Kansas, and she doesn't want to talk about it."

As for the line-item veto, Mrs.

Peterson said: "I have no clue what her position on that is. I've heard she's both for it and against it."

The cable bill, approved Monday by the Senate, would have the federal government set basic rates in areas where there is no competition for cable services. It also would allow broadcast stations to seek payment for letting cable companies use their signals.

O'Dell and other supporters argue the bill will protect consumers by keeping cable-television rates in line. She attributed Dole's opposition to \$30,000 in contributions from PACs to his 1980 and 1986 senatorial campaigns and 1988 presidential campaign.

"This senator is for sale," she said.

## Bush, Dole face tax bill setback in Senate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ignoring promises of a veto, the Senate on Friday rejected Republican efforts to strip a catchall tax bill of Individual Retirement Accounts and tax increases on the well-to-do.

President Bush "has made it very clear to me personally that he will not sign a bill to extend" two temporary tax increases on upper-income people, said Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas. "This is your chance to vote against tax increases."

Dole's amendment was defeated 59-34.

Republicans were so intent on protecting Bush's no-tax-increase stance that they tried to cut by 43 percent the measure's urban-aid provisions — ostensibly the chief reason the president wanted the bill.

But unless the offending tax increases were removed, Dole said, there would be no urban aid at all because the bill would be vetoed.

Democrats insisted the tax provisions were not tax increases at all

— just continuations of existing taxes that Bush signed in 1990.

Dole's amendment would have eliminated two tax provisions that limit the itemized deductions and personal exemptions of people with incomes above the \$100,000-a-year range; deleted a proposed expansion of tax-deductible IRAs for virtually all workers; and scaled back from 125 to 30 the number of "enterprise zones" that would offer tax benefits to lure investors and businesses.

Earlier Friday, the Senate rejected Bush's proposal allowing Ameri-

cans to earmark part of their taxes for deficit reduction.

The proposal, which Bush endorsed last month in accepting renomination by the Republican Party, would have allowed taxpayers to check a box on their tax returns and earmark as much as 10 percent of their taxes to cut the deficit. Unless Congress and the president agreed on what to cut, across-the-board reductions affecting everything except Social Security, interest and bank deposit insurance would be reduced automatically.

## ✓ Dole: Bush campaign is hurting Kansas GOP

### Republican senator says his numbers are down

By Lew Ferguson  
Associated Press

TOPEKA — Sen. Bob Dole says President Bush is a drag on the candidacies of other Republican candidates in Kansas but that he still expects the incumbent president to carry the state in the Nov. 3 general election.

"I think so," Dole said in a telephone interview from Washington, when asked whether Bush was dragging down other Republican candidates.

"I see it in my numbers," added the senator, whose re-election campaign took a poll of Kansas voters earlier this month and plans to do two more polls in October.

"A tide raises all boats, and the tide is down for George Bush," Dole said. "I think Bush will carry Kansas, but it's going to be by a smaller margin than usual."

Only two Democrats have carried Kansas in recent decades: Franklin Roosevelt and Lyndon Johnson.

Dole also said his polling showed Bush would gain "about 5 points" in Kansas with Ross Perot in the race.

Perot, the Texas billionaire who announced in July that he would not be a candidate, is reconsidering.

Dole campaign aides have confirmed that the senator's September poll had Bush trailing Democrat Bill Clinton by 8 percentage points in Kansas. Dole told his volunteers at a meeting in Topeka on Sept. 12 that Bush was behind in Kansas and urged them to step up their efforts on the GOP president's behalf.

Dole said in the interview that he thought his share of support in his four-way race for re-election with Democrat

Gloria O'Dell, Libertarian Mark Kirk and independent Christina Campbell-Cline was down about 6 points from where it should be.

And Dole said Bush's rating was "way down" from where he thought it should be.

"I think Bush does have a little bit of negative impact on Kansas right now," he said.

"I think it's going to get down to the issue of trust: Who do you believe? Do you want Bush's economic plan, or Clinton's? I think Bush will win Kansas but probably by not as much as in 1988."

Bush claimed 55.8 percent of the Kansas vote four years ago to 42.6 percent for Democrat Michael Dukakis, with the other 1.6 percent going to two independent candidates.

## Dole says he's for family values

### Says leave bill was unfair burden to small businesses

By Ray Hemman  
The Hutchinson News

Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., said his vote against the family-leave bill had nothing to do with family values.

Instead, it dealt with what Washington ought not to be telling business owners.

"The question there is about a mandate," Dole said during his weekly telephone news conference with Kansas journalists. "We talk about family values, but if you go out and talk with your small-business men and women in Topeka and elsewhere, they don't want any more federal mandates. Most of them already have good family-leave policies. If they don't, they are going to lose their good employees."

"... I think that question is mandated — whether you want more federal mandates, whether you want the federal government telling Topeka, Kansas, or Russell, Kan., or wherever that you have to

have one plan and that one size fits all, whether you are married with children, single or whatever. It's not going to pass this year. I don't think it has anything to do with family values."

Also during the news conference, Dole said he would have to take a close look at the legislative package President Bush would submit to Congress later this year that would enact the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Some groups that oppose the treaty say it will require the U.S. to reduce its relatively tough environmental and pesticide-residue standards and may affect labor law. "If that's the case (forcing the U.S. to reduce environmental rules), there will be a lot of us who won't vote for it," Dole said. "The same with labor exploitation. If this is going to mean a lot of jobs or cheaper jobs or exploitation, then we're not going to be voting for it. And if it provides for big companies to move down there (Mexico) and get some kind of special advantage in labor and the environment, then that's not what I consider to be a good trade agreement."

Dole also said that if Ross Perot got back into the presidential race, it probably would hurt Democratic nominee Bill Clinton more than Bush. In Dole's polling of Kansas, Clinton had an 8 percent lead over

Bush without Perot but only a 3 point lead with Perot in the race.

When Perot got out of the race, the Democratic National Convention was occurring and Clinton appeared to pick up some of Perot's supporters. Those supporters may return to Perot if the independent actively re-enters the race.

After Dole's news conference, the senator met with Chinese Ambassador Zhu Qizhen about possible trade retributions in the wake of

the U.S. decision to sell F-16 military jets to Taiwan.

Earlier this week, Dole and Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., sent the Chinese ambassador to the United States a letter asking about threats made by unnamed Chinese officials. Those threats implicated that the nation might reduce its wheat imports from the U.S. because of the F-16 sales.

During Friday's meeting, the ambassador said no decisions had been made.

## Dole defends getting his share of the pie

By Ray Hemman  
The Hutchinson News

Federal appropriations for projects such as the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center are a matter of fiscal justice, Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., said Friday.

Last week, Congress approved a \$4 million grant for the Cosmosphere to assist the facility in its expansion project. The grant will provide nearly a third of the funding for the \$12.7 million, 85,000-square-foot expansion project that is underway.

"My record will reflect that I'm willing to cut spending, freeze spending, have no new projects or

whatever, but when they've made that decision (to provide funds), as a Kansas senator I would be derelict in my duty if I didn't say, 'Gee, we've got \$10 left. Do we get 10 cents of that or none of that?'" Dole said during his regular telephone press conference with Kansas journalists.

"Now you can say, 'Don't take any of it. Give it to another state.' My view is the Cosmosphere is an education program, and it's money that's going to be well-spent. It is going to mean a lot to that part of our state. We were able to increase it by \$2 million. We asked for \$2 million and got \$4 (million) because of the interest of Sen. (Jake) Garn (R-Utah), who visited the Cosmosphere several months ago. He thought it was an outstanding opportunity and had great educational possibilities."

Dole answered several agriculture-related questions during the 30-minute conference. The senator said the administration's decision on ethanol was "long overdue." Earlier this week, the Bush administration announced a compromise plan that would allow ethanol-blended fuels to be used in nine U.S. cities to fight air pollution.

The Environmental Protection Agency had been reluctant to allow ethanol-blended fuels to be used because some studies show the fuels actually can add to smog during hot weather. The fuels vaporize more easily than other types of gasoline.

"This (the announcement) could mean a lot for the 9,000 corn producers in Kansas and the four ethanol plants," he said. "Obviously, there are some who will not like it, such as the big oil companies."

The senator also said Bush campaign official Clayton Yeutter's memorandum to officials of the National Association of Wheat Growers "probably didn't use the best words." In the memo, Yeutter wondered "how ungrateful some folks can be" in not welcoming a trade announcement more openly in August.

Dole also said Chinese officials with whom he had talked had said wheat would not be a target of retaliation for the U.S. sale of F-16 war planes to Taiwan. The senator said he has talked in person twice with Chinese officials about a threat from an unnamed Chinese agriculture ministry official.

The senator also said he believes Ross Perot should be included in any presidential debates that might occur. Debates could force candidate Perot to be more specific about what actions he would take as president.

The independent candidate's off-again, on-again campaign style has not been beneficial to his efforts.

"His numbers (support in polls) have gone to pot," Dole said. "When you pull out and sort of leave people out there, you lose a lot of credibility. Maybe it might have been a scheme, might have been a plan, but when you drop out and then drop in again, you've got some problems. He's got a credibility problem."

"Plus, I think he's got to give some firm answers. I know there's a book out. Much of that was picked up from government sources. It's not particularly Ross Perot's ideas. They've been around for a long time. I think the American people are willing to make sacrifices if we start with Congress and the White House and work our way down."



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## ✓ Dole has lots to say about foe

### He says O'Dell is changing positions

Eagle staff reports

U.S. Senate candidate Gloria O'Dell has found plenty in Sen. Bob Dole to criticize and isn't shy about sharing her criticisms with voters on the campaign trail.

But Dole, while making few campaign appearances so far in Kansas, has used his campaign apparatus to make public his own criticism of O'Dell and her positions on issues.

Here are a few of those criticisms made in recent weeks:

■ On Sept. 28, Dole's campaign spokeswoman, Kathy Peterson, accused O'Dell of changing her position on the federal government's role in education. Peterson quoted a speech in which O'Dell had said the federal government should "get out of the way" and let state and local governments run schools. She said that conflicted with O'Dell remarks on Sept. 28 that the federal government should increase the amount of money it spends on education, particularly for the Head Start program and for student loans. O'Dell said she was not changing her position because she thinks the federal government should have a role but not eliminate flexibility in the local management of education.



Dole Senator hasn't been campaigning much.

■ On Sept. 25, Peterson accused O'Dell of trying to hide her position against a balanced-budget amendment, which Dole's campaign has said most people favor. O'Dell has said that recent balanced-budget amendment plans would have allowed deficit spending if two-thirds of each house of Congress declared an emergency. Such plans, she said, would not really require a balanced budget, only large majorities to approve deficit spending.

■ On Sept. 19, Peterson accused O'Dell of running a campaign based on attacks against Dole rather than on the issues. O'Dell has repeatedly said in her campaign that Dole is a career politician whose nearly 30 years in Congress have left him out of touch with ordinary Kansans.

■ In late August, Dole accused O'Dell of being vague on issues and said he would not debate her until she is more specific. O'Dell responded by saying Dole was just trying to duck debates.

### BRIEFLY

#### Dole to be honored at Salina fund-raiser

Sen. Bob Dole will be in Salina on Saturday for a Republican Party fund-raiser honoring the longtime Kansas senator.



Dole

The fund-raiser is designed to assist all local Republican Party candidates in both county and state races. The cost to attend the 11:30 a.m. luncheon is \$25 a person.

The rally will be at J.J. Wheats Food and Drink Emporium, 12th and Broadway, formerly known as the Cavalier Club. Reservations must be made by Friday to attend the event. Checks should be made payable to the Saline County Republican Party and mailed to Box 2296, Salina 67402. Reservations also can be made by calling Randy Duncan, Saline County Republican Party chairman, at 825-8859, stopping by party headquarters at 119 E. Iron, or calling party headquarters at 825-1000, between 1 and 5 p.m. daily.