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Dole comes up one vote short in bid to crack arms embargo

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WASHINGTON — President Clinton ducked an embarrassing congressional rebuke over his handling of foreign policy on Friday as the Senate endorsed the continued arms embargo against Bosnia by the smallest of margins. Meanwhile, the Bosnian war threatened to erupt with new fury as Serbs retook territory from Muslim-led government forces and scorned a new international peace plan. On a 50-50 roll call vote, senators rejected a proposal by Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole that would have ordered Clinton to immediately abandon the United Nations arms ban. Moments earlier, lawmakers voted 52-48 to back continuing the U.N. sanctions, for now. But the measure included a proviso: It urged Clinton to join with U.S. allies to consider

lifting the embargo if the Serbs attack Bosnian safe areas or don't negotiate for peace. The Clinton administration declared victory, as press secretary Dee Dee Myers welcomed the vote as "a confirmation of the president's Bosnia policy." But Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn, D-Ga., who sponsored the successful provision with Sen. John Warner, R-Va., was less upbeat. "The Senate is frustrated and does not agree by a very large margin with the arms embargo," Nunn said afterward. "The overwhelming sentiment is to have an approach that will end up lifting the arms embargo." Dole credited heavy White House lobbying for his defeat and said, "With all that pressure we still got 50 votes. We'll try it again."

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Dole offers health-care reform plan

■ 'No price controls, no mandates and no taxes,' Dole says of his alternative

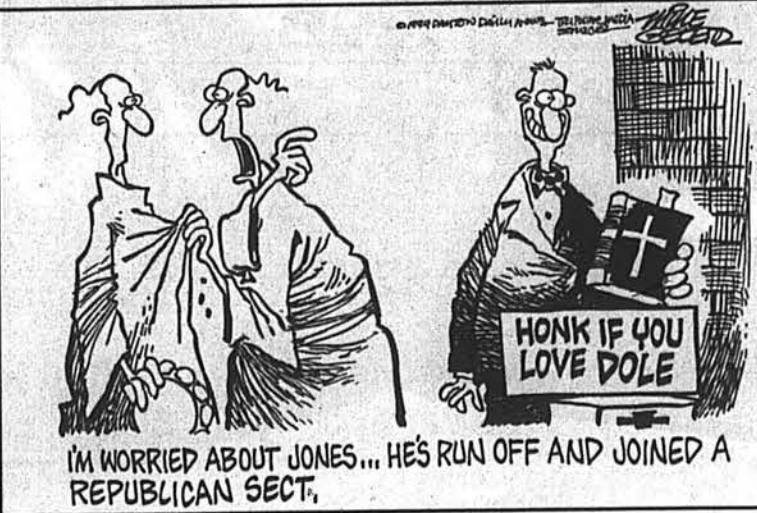
By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Adding a fresh ingredient to the health reform debate, Senate GOP leader Bob Dole of Kansas outlined an alternative Wednesday. Dole said it contained "no price controls, no mandates and no taxes." His plan has the backing of 40 of the Senate's 44 Republicans. Meanwhile, in the House, Democrats began a final push toward approval in the Ways and Means Committee of a bill to guarantee Americans health coverage through their jobs or a new, expanded Medicare program. Dole's plan calls for \$100 billion in subsidies for low-income families to buy private coverage and changes in insurance laws to make coverage available to millions who now go without. "This is not offered as a 'partisan Republican plan.' This is offered as another option, and we think the right option," said Dole. Within a few hours of Dole's news conference, however, Sen. Dave Durenberger, R-Minn., circulated a letter saying Dole's proposal had no standard benefit package for insurance plans; "questionable insurance market reform" and other shortcomings. In the House Ways and Means Committee, with Democrats pressing for a final vote by Wednesday night or today, Republicans pushed an alternative that would combine insurance reforms with new subsidies for low-income families and new flexibility for states to put Medicaid patients into private health plans. The panel rejected an effort to boost its proposed 45-cent-a-pack increase in the cigarette tax to \$1.25.

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Dole has lost touch with his roots

The health insurance business in this country is a disaster. People like Bob Dole have probably received a lot of money from insurance companies for their campaigns for years. Dole has been in Washington so long that he has lost contact with what the real world is like. He has proven himself incapable of managing things himself — even his own household. He is divorced from his first wife. Now Hillary Clinton is a newcomer to Washington and has been in touch with people to see how insurance companies rip people off. Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Kansas is as bad as any of the others. What the federal Cobra law and Blue Cross-Blue Shield say are two different things. They will do anything they can to get you to drop your insurance if you have had an expensive illness such as heart trouble or cancer. They try to get you to pay your deductible and co-insurance twice within a few months' time. If you go to the Feds about Cobra, they say that enforcing it is a local or state matter. When your Cobra runs out, Blue Cross-Blue Shield will sell you new policies that will be considerably more expensive and pay very little. After Cobra ran out, we could no longer have a family policy. We had to buy two policies. To get coverage equivalent to what we had in the group policy, we would have to pay enough to lease a Rolls Royce every month.



However, I do not agree that the employers should have to foot the bill for everyone. It should be made available to everyone at an affordable cost. The federal and state government have made businesses act as tax collectors for them for too long, with nothing (that I know of) in return. Why strap businesses with anything new? EARL DIXSON Medora

Bob Dole shows his true colors

Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas is beginning to show his true colors. As a native Kansan and voter, I have long suspected that Bob Dole was for Bob Dole, not necessarily for Kansas. His recent endorsement and contribution to the campaign of Oliver North only solidify my belief. Perhaps Mr. Dole is beginning to become "too long in the tooth." Perhaps he is forgetting his friends who have been voting him into the high office of senator for these many years. It is interesting to see what position and power will do to someone, and we are seeing it now, in the person of Bob Dole. As an early student of politics, I was taught that a position in Congress or in the Senate was a trust — something that resembled a vow! My country. My state. My people. Their best interests — not mine. JOE O. HARDY Larned

Black colleges bill stalled by Dole push for Sterling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republican leader Bob Dole's attempt to help a predominantly white college in his home state has stalled an initiative to restore historic buildings on the nation's black college campuses. Dole has held up a House-passed bill authorizing \$65 million over four years for black colleges while pushing an amendment to add \$3.6 million for Sterling College, a small liberal arts college in Kansas with an enrollment that is only 3 percent black. Dole's amendment would expand the House bill, which applied only to historically black colleges and universities, to include "colleges that have demonstrated extraordinary regional leadership in providing for the education of African-American students in states that do not have an historically black college or university." Rep. John Lewis, an Atlanta Democrat and civil rights leader who cosponsored the House bill, said the Dole amendment "violates the spirit of the legislation. 'And there is a danger that if it comes back (to the House) with Sterling College in there, it could be lost for this Congress,' Lewis said. 'There will be more delays and many of these historic buildings will continue to deteriorate.' Joyce Campbell, a spokeswoman for Dole, said the Kansas senator "wants to help historically black colleges get appropriate funding and feels that Sterling College deserves funding consideration as well."

was included in the bill, he said, because it was aimed solely at preserving the historically significant buildings on black college campuses. The money for Sterling, located in Sterling, Kan., would be earmarked to repair Cooper Hall, which was closed six years ago for structural instability. The building is one of two limestone structures in Kansas built in the mid-1880s, and Parrott said that is another reason to try to save it. "We have been in contact with the senator for quite some time now about this project, and he is, of course, committed to rural America and this state, and he saw this as an important project," Parrott said. "Over the years we've explored some ideas of how it might be funded, and he and his staff thought this might be a good way to deal with it, because the college has supported the rights of African-American students." Parrott said state entities supported the project, but were not able to come up with that amount of money. The college has promised to raise \$3.6 million for an endowment fund for long-term preservation and maintenance of Cooper Hall if the federal funds are approved, he said. The initiative was launched with much fanfare in 1991 by then-Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan, who selected 11 buildings

on black college and university campuses for restoration. Lujan pledged \$10 million for the project from the department's Historic Preservation Fund, and the United Negro College Fund promised to match it. Rep. Bob Clement, D-Tenn., introduced the authorizing legislation last year after questions were raised about whether the department had the authority to use the Historic Preservation Fund for the initiative. The bill, which passed the House last December, authorizes \$65 million in grants from the Historic Preservation Fund over the next four years to restore significant buildings on black campuses. Some of the buildings, like Walter B. Hill Hall at Savannah State College in Georgia, were built by students. One, the Mansion at Tougaloo College in Mississippi, was built by slaves as the home of a plantation owner and later bought by the college. "These structures represent the hopes and achievements of a group of people denied equal opportunity and justice and who succeeded despite the imposition of almost insurmountable legal and social obstacles," said Rep. Bruce Vento, D-Minn., chairman of the House panel that reviewed the bill.

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Dole holds up bill for black colleges

Senator seeks \$3.6 million for state's Sterling College

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — An initiative to restore historic buildings on the nation's black college campuses has been stalled in the Senate by Republican Leader Bob Dole's insistence on adding \$3.6 million for a Kansas college whose enrollment is only 3 percent black. Dole began pushing an amendment to benefit Sterling College, a small liberal arts college in his home state, after House-passed legislation authorizing \$65 million for black colleges reached the Senate floor last month. Dole's amendment would add \$3.6 million to the four-year authorization and earmark

the money for the college in Sterling, over a three-year period beginning in fiscal 1996. And where the House bill applied only to historically black colleges and universities, Dole's amendment would expand it to include "colleges that have demonstrated extraordinary regional leadership in providing for the education of African-American students in states that do not have an historically black college or university." "This violates the spirit of the legislation," said Rep. John Lewis, an Atlanta Democrat and civil rights leader who co-sponsored the House bill. "And there is a danger that if it comes back (to the House) with Sterling College in there, it could be lost for this Congress," he said. "There will be more delays, and many of

these historic buildings will continue to deteriorate." Joyce Campbell, a spokeswoman for Dole, said the Kansas senator "wants to help historically black colleges get appropriate funding and feels that Sterling College deserves funding consideration as well." But Lewis said there are any number of liberal arts colleges nationwide with similar records of racial diversity. None was included in the bill, he said, because it was aimed solely at preserving the historically significant buildings on black college campuses. The initiative was launched with much fanfare in 1991 by then-Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan, who selected 11 buildings on black college and university campuses for

restoration. Lujan pledged \$10 million for the project from the department's Historic Preservation Fund, and the United Negro College Fund promised to match it. Rep. Bob Clement, D-Tenn., introduced the authorizing legislation, which passed the House in December. It authorizes \$65 million in grants from the Historic Preservation Fund over the next four years to restore significant buildings on historical black campuses. Some of the buildings, such as Walter B. Hill Hall at Savannah State College in Georgia, were built by students. One, the Mansion at Tougaloo College in Mississippi, was built by slaves as the home of a plantation owner and later bought by the college.



File photo
Sen. Bob Dole wants to get \$3.6 million for Sterling College.

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Dole criticizes Clinton's policy toward Haiti

By Ray Hemman
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Haitians are becoming refugees because of Clinton administration policies, Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said. On Friday, the Kansan again called on the administration to send a fact-finding mission to Haiti to provide direction for U.S. policy. "I don't think we ought to be tightening the embargo," Dole said during a telephone press conference Friday. "We really are putting the squeeze on a lot of poor people in Haiti, the poorest people in the hemisphere. We don't have any dialogue at all with the military there. We put all of our chips on (overthrown President Jean-Bertrand) Aristide who is certainly no choirboy. There are a lot of duly elected members of parliament who don't have a great deal of authority there who we could be talking to. "I still think we need a fact-finding mission, a bipartisan group of people from across the country who don't have any axe to grind. We did this in 1984 when President Reagan named Henry Kissinger, a Republican, and Ambassador Robert Strauss, a Democrat, to go down and take a

look at some of the Central American countries. It gave President Reagan some cover, but it also gave him some good ideas. If President Clinton will not send such a mission, Congress should take the initiative, Dole said. "I'm not certain we are getting the facts," Dole said. "We are forcing people into boats. This is sort of a forced refugee program now. I don't think the president is going to say, 'Well, we have all these refugees and we have to intervene the refugee flow,' when he's causing it in the first place. The administration's actions are causing a lot of suffering and death at the same time. It's not a very clear policy." Immediately, the Haitians need an airlift of food. Haitians are fleeing the country because of hunger. At the same time, Dole said he opposes any sort of military intervention by the United States. "It wouldn't be hard to topple the Haitian military, let's face it. But what are you going to do after that's done? Are you going to be five years, 10 years, 15 years? What's it going to cost? That's what concerns a lot of people." Dole also said it was too soon to predict whether Senate Republicans would filibuster health care reform. The minority leader said that at the earliest, it would be August before a reform package could reach the Senate. At this point, the president's health care reform plan is receiving only a 34 to 39 percent approval rating from the public.



Sen. Bob Dole

This lack of approval only makes Democrats who face re-election this fall uncomfortable. The Republican leader made it clear that the GOP would not accept just anything. "If the president and the Democratic leadership in Congress try to force-feed or shove down our throats some of these mandates and these bureaucratic ideas they have, then I think there will be a lot of people out there talking (during a filibuster). It won't just be Republicans. It affects everybody in every state. I can tell you there are a lot of nervous Democrats because there are more Democrats running than Republicans." Dole also said during the press conference that the Sterling College funding issue was overblown. Earlier this week, Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., complained that Dole's adding money for Cooper Hall restoration at Sterling College into a bill for historic black college buildings "violates the spirit of the legislation." Dole amended a bill Lewis had co-sponsored that provided \$65 million to black colleges to preserve historic buildings. Dole's amendment added \$3.6 million for Sterling College's Cooper Hall.

Sterling College has an enrollment that is about 4 percent black. "Somebody really overblew a story here. ... We are not taking any money from anyone. I've been a big supporter of black colleges over the years. You can check my voting record. What we are suggesting is we add some money. We are not trying to take any out of the pot. "So I've written to Congressman Lewis, saying, 'I think someone is giving you bad information, John.' This bill is going to pass. We've got every right to offer this amendment. We are just going through the regular process." Dole also said during the conference that while aid approved by Congress for republics in the former Soviet Union was slow in being distributed, he wasn't sure the sluggish pace was all bad. Several members of Congress recently have complained that Russia, in particular, has not gotten all the aid that was promised the country. "It may be for the right reason," Dole said. "A lot of it has been siphoned off. I'd rather go more slowly and get it to the right people."

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Dole raps Clinton for condolences to North Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole criticized President Clinton Saturday for expressing condolences to North Korea on the death of President Kim Il Sung. Dole said Clinton's remarks were "inappropriate" and insensitive to American veterans of the Korean War and their families. Clinton, attending the economic summit in Naples, Italy, had extended his condolences to the North Korean people and praised Kim for paving the way to newly opened talks with the United States on North Korea's nuclear program. In a statement, Dole — who acknowledges that he may seek the GOP presidential nomination — said Kim's death and the end of his "brutal dictatorship" should be viewed as helping the cause of democracy in North Korea. "Unfortunately, President Clinton ... used this moment as merely an occasion for mourning rather than an opportunity for a new beginning," Dole said. "I'm at a loss to understand his statement extending 'sincere condolences to the people of North Korea' on 'behalf of the people of the United States.' "Perhaps President Clinton has forgotten that Kim Il Sung was responsible for the war that caused the loss of more than 54,000 American lives and 100,000 Americans wounded."