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Dole denies losing battle over Packwood

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — GOP presidential hopeful Sen. Bob Dole denied reports Saturday that he lost an argument with Democrats over whether Sen. Bob Packwood would be allowed to remain in office for 90 days after his resignation last week.

Dole

Dole, R-Kan., made a courtesy call to Sen. Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., over the matter, but never discussed 90 days, he said Saturday on CNN's "Evans & Novak."

"We had a very frank discussion. We both agreed we needed some time to wrap up these affairs, figure out what's going on, pack up. And I think (Packwood) would like to have 60 days but he got three weeks."

Packwood announced his resignation Thursday, rather than face almost certain expulsion because of allegations of sexual and ethical misconduct. The Oregon Republican, who stepped down as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee on Friday, said he will leave Congress on Oct. 1.

It wasn't difficult to get Packwood to leave quickly, but it was somewhat ungracious of Democrats to demand that he do so, Dole said.

"I mean, I could cite some cases where we had people who had been convicted of felonies on the other side of the aisle," he said, adding that there was a six-month delay in handling an explusion hearing on Sen. Harrison Williams Jr., a New Jersey Democrat who eventually resigned and went to prison for his role in the Abscam bribery sting.

Dole also said there's little chance of compromise with the White House over upcoming negotiations on the federal budget. He also saw little need for a summit with Democrats to avoid a stalemate that could lead to a government shutdown.

"If the president of the United States asks you to meet, you wouldn't rule that out. But I don't think we need a summit meeting," he said.

Topekans generous to Dole campaign

By DAVID ROYSE
Special to The Capital-Journal

Kansans gave more than $690,000 to the campaigns of Clinton and GOP hopefuls.

WASHINGTON — Gov. Bill Graves and his wife, Linda, lead a list of Topekans who have given money to one of the men vying for the presidency of the United States.

Graves and his wife each contributed the maximum $1,000 in April to Sen. Bob Dole's campaign for president.

Rep. Sam Brownback also gave Dole's campaign $1,000, as did Lt. Gov. Sheila Frahm and Horace B. Edwards, former Kansas secretary of transportation and pipeline company chairman. All are Republicans.

On the Democratic side, James Parrish, state party chairman and former state senator, contributed $250 toward President Clinton's re-election.

Through June, individuals from Kansas gave more than $690,000 to the campaign coffers of Clinton and Republican hopefuls Dole, Phil Gramm, Patrick Buchanan, Pete Wilson, Dick Lugar, Arlen Specter, Lamar Alexander and Alan Keyes.

Native son Dole naturally tops the list in the state, having gathered more than $624,000 from Kansans so far in 1995. Although Sen. Specter of Pennsylvania, like Dole, grew up in

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Russell, he has received $8,750 from Kansans.

Under federal law, individuals may contribute $1,000 to presidential candidates for their primary races. During the general election, the two major party candidates receive public funding. Next year, the Republican and Democratic nominees each will get about $60 million in public money for the general election.

Not to be overshadowed by the politicos, Topeka's business community also has invested heavily in the Dole campaign.

Edward Bruske, the president of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry and a former state secretary of economic development, is a $1,000 contributor.

Other prominent business leaders on Dole's contributor list include Fidelity State Bank Chairman Anderson Chandler; John E. Hayes, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Western Resources, the parent company of Kansas Gas and Electric; and board member John Dicus. They each gave $1,000 to Dole. Former Western Resources vice president Edward Schaub pitched in $250.

Mark V. Heitz, the president of AmVestors Financial Corp., gave the Dole campaign $1,000. Ralph Laster, AmVestors chairman and CEO, also gave Dole $1,000. AmVestors markets annuities.

Dole, Heitz said, "is able to work with the business community, but also able to understand how issues affect everyday people. We, although we are businessmen, are still people, still members of the community.

"I think it would be wonderful for Kansans and the whole country if Bob Dole were to become president," Heitz said.

Jack H. Brier, who gave Dole $1,000, fits with both the political group and the business group. The former Kansas secretary of state who gave Graves his first government job is now a developer and an AmVestors board member.

Nationwide, Gramm is leading in fund raising among all the candidates, having raised more than $16.8 million. The Dole campaign is second with about $13.5 million and Clinton's campaign is third with about $9.5 million.

Although Kansans have been generous to Dole, a campaign spokesman said there was no organized campaign effort in the senator's home state yet. That will come this fall.

Kans flock Dole

By Laura Hamod Zuckerman
The Hutchinson News

The man who would be president returned to the state from whence he came.

A sea of smiling faces greeted Senate Majority Leader and presidential candidate Bob Dole when he arrived Sunday afternoon at the Kansas State Fair to tour two cancer-screening booths he is sponsoring.

At a brief press conference, the Kansas Republican touched on topics ranging from the rumored presidential bid by retired Gen. Colin Powell and the reason behind his recent return of a gay group's financial contribution.

Responding to a question about the chances Powell – the former head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff – might have in a bid for the Republican nomination, Dole declined to speculate.

"He's certainly an outstanding person and I have great admiration for him. But I think he has to make a decision whether he really wants to get into politics. It's a different life and you have to be comitd and you have to understand where you are on the issues," said Dole.

Powell has been coy about his presidential ambitions. Powell has said that if he runs, he will have to decide whether to do so as a Republican or independent.

Asked if his campaign intended to refuse support from gay individuals or groups, Dole suggested that the recent turnaround on Log Cabin Republicans — a nationwide organization of gay Republicans –was exclusive to that group's "special agenda."

Dole refused to identify what elements of Lob Cabin's "agenda" struck discordant notes.

"They have a specific agenda which I do not subscribe to. I don't know who all

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contributes to my campaign. We've had over 200,000 contributions, but somebody with a special agenda, we're not going to accept their contributions," he said.

Dole said he would not discriminate against any group based on lifestyle, gender or race.

In light of Dole's public expressions of sympathy for Sen. Bob Packwood, the Oregon Republican who resigned last week under a cloud of sexual harassment allegations, the majority leader was asked what sympathy he had to spare for the women Packwood victimized.

"A great deal," Dole said. "In fact, I think he expressed his contrition on the Senate floor. But again, let's face it, in America you're entitled to a trial, which he never had. Even anybody — even senators, even people in the media — are entitled to a trial," Dole said.

If the crowd on Sunday was any judge, Dole's path toward the White House will be paved with the wholehearted support of some Kansans.

Steve Buller of Inman said a handshake from Dole was for him "the highlight of the fair."

Buller, a Vietnam veteran, will always remember with fondness the occasion so many years ago when Dole sent him a Kansas flag.

"I had written him a letter from Vietnam, and he wrote back and enclosed the flag. I still have it to this day. It meant a lot when you were over there," he said.

Gene and Mary Kay Williams drove to the fair from Garfield in part to wish good luck to Kansas' native son.

"I think his safest route is to stay middle-of-the-road. You've got a wide range of views in the Republican Party," Gene said.

And not all of those mesh. Hutchinson resident Barbara Bueler, a member of the Buhler school board, tried to engage the Kansas senator in a discussion about the National Endowment for the Arts.

"That's something we can do without," Dole said about the agency.

In a separate interview, Bueller said she was very concerned about Dole's stand on the NEA.

"Rural communities in Kansas really depend on the NEA (and trickle-down funding for the arts) more than big cities. Urban areas have standing collections; so many Kansas towns don't," she said.

Students inherit the most profound legacy bestowed by the arts, Bueller said.

"The arts help students in Kansas who don't have that multicultural environment. The high school students who graduate from Buhler and Hutchinson will work in the larger world someday. Cultural experiences are what bring those two worlds together; the arts connect people rather than separate them," she said.

Ralph and Pauline Weninger of rural Winfield said they hoped to see Dole because they wanted to talk "to the next president of the United States."

Ralph said Dole might be forced to change some of his moderate views because of pressure from ultraconservative Republicans.

Although Ralph said he wouldn't mind the change, Pauline suggested that pluralism should lead the day.

"As president, he (Dole) should listen to all the people, not just Republicans," she said.

Dole sponsored at the 1995 fair a prostate cancer screening booth and a breast screening van. The Russell native in the past received treatment for prostate cancer.

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Dole discusses Powell

At state fair, he says retired general would be 'worthy opponent.'

By LEW FERGUSON
The Associated Press

HUTCHINSON — Sen. Bob Dole said Sunday retired Gen. Colin Powell "obviously would be a worthy opponent" in the Republican presidential race, but indicated he thinks Powell may have difficulty deciding to enter politics.

Dole also dismissed a suggestion that House Speaker Newt Gingrich also would mount a formidable challenge for the GOP nomination if he decided to run.

"He's not going to run, anyway," Dole said of Gingrich.

Gingrich, in an appearance on "Meet the Press" Sunday morning, said Powell would instantly become Dole's chief rival if he entered the Republican presidential contest.

Gingrich said last week that he would be less likely to run if Powell chose to enter the race as a Republican.

Dole, the Senate majority leader, told reporters during a news conference at the Kansas State Fair he considers Powell "an outstanding person."

But he added, "I think he really has to make a decision whether he really wants to get into politics. It's a little different than being in the Army. You don't give orders in politics; you take a lot of questions.

"It's a different life and you have to be committed and you have to understand where you are on the issues because whatever happens ... as soon as he announces, if he's a Republican, people who are Democrats won't like him; if he's a Democrat, people who are Republicans won't like him."

Dole also said that as soon as Powell reveals his positions on such issues as abortion and agriculture "he'll lose people."

"I imagine he's heard of target practice but not (agriculture) target prices," Dole said. "So it's his decision to make."

Dole also rejected a call by Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, one of his rivals for the Republican nomination, to sign an anti-abortion pledge put forth by the Christian Coalition, which most of the GOP candidates addressed during a convention in Washington over the weekend.

"I'll make my own decisions on issues and they'll not be dictated by Phyllis Schlafly, who is a Gramm supporter, or Mr. Gramm himself."

Asked whether he had a time table for deciding whether he would sign the pledge to support a GOP platform plank calling for a constitutional amendment to outlaw abortion, Dole replied, "I don't think it's even relevant. I've got a good record. If people can't rely on that, then signing a pledge wouldn't make any difference."

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Dole became irritated with reporters who pressed him on the issue of returning a $1,000 contribution to the Log Cabin Club, an organization of gay Republicans, when he hasn't returned some contributions from entertainment companies he has criticized for financing violent movies, television programs and rap music.

"They have a specific agenda which I do not subscribe to," Dole said of the Log Cabin Club. "I don't know who all contributes to my campaign. But if it's somebody with a special agenda we're not going to accept their money."

He said some of the money coming from Hollywood dated to 1972 and noted his foundation had returned $50,000 to Time Warner, one of the main targets of Dole's criticism.

"I don't believe in discrimination in any form, whether it's lifestyle, disability, race, ethnic background or gender," Dole said. "But they (Log Cabin) have a different agenda; we don't agree with them."

When a reporter tried to press the issue further, Dole would take no more questions on it.

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Dole agrees to limit state cuts in welfare

Eagle Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — Facing pressure from moderate Republicans, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole agreed Tuesday that any new federal welfare plan will prohibit big cuts in state spending on welfare.

The Republican agreement — meaning that a state can cut its current welfare spending no more than 20 percent during the next five years — came after some Republicans signaled their support for a more restrictive Democratic proposal.

The Senate action, a victory for Democrats, who so far had little influence in shaping the welfare bill, sets up a conflict with the House bill, passed in March. The House allowed the states to end all state contributions to welfare programs.

"The federal government sends them all the money, and they don't have an obligation to put up anything," said Sen. John Breaux, D-La., who sponsored an amendment to set tough spending requirements. "What kind of partnership is that?"

The major cash welfare program is financed by both the states and the federal government, which pays 55 percent. The welfare bill being debated would give states a set amount of money each year to design their own welfare reform plans. Under the agreement reached Tuesday, the states would be penalized if they did not meet the financing requirements.

The Senate bill initially had no requirement for state spending. An earlier compromise added a 75 percent spending requirement over two years. It was changed to three years.

But the concerns of GOP moderates flared again during a spirited morning debate of the Breaux amendment, which would have limited cuts to no more than 10 percent over five years.

At a luncheon Republican caucus meeting, Dole agreed to an 80 percent formula proposed by some moderates. "If he hadn't done that, the Democrat bill would have passed," said a Republican staffer who attended the meeting.

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