

DOLE CALLS FOR EXTENSION OF FEC STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE AUDITS

WASHINGTON -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today said he would seek to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to enable a one-year extension of the current audit of 1976 presidential and vice-presidential candidate finances.

The current statute of limitations governing the investigations expires this June. The Dole amendment would extend that three-year statute to four years.

The audit of the 1976 Jimmy Carter primary committee, called the Committee for Jimmy Carter, and its successor for the general election, the Democratic Presidential Campaign Committee, has not yet been completed. The campaign audits for then-President Ford was completed a year ago. Besides the Carter campaign, audits are still uncompleted for Democrats Fred Harris, Sargent Shriver and Morris Udall.