

## **NEBRASKA**

**Patricia S. Dorwart**  
**National Committeewoman**



### **Present**

National Committeewoman, Nebraska, elected -  
August 18, 1992

Board of Directors, Nebraska Federation of Republican Women,  
1992 -

Member, Task Force on Campaign Reform, Common Cause,  
1990 - 1993

Regional Finance Chairman, Congressman Bill Barrett, 1993

### **Previous**

Vice Chairman, Nebraska Republican Party, 1987 - 1991

Nebraska Power Review Board, 1987 - 1991 (Chairman, 1987 -  
1991)

Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission, 1980 - 1986  
(Chairman, 1983 - 1986)

State Co-Chairman, Kay Orr for Governor, 1986

Charter Member, Nebraska Lawyer's Wives, Representative for  
Western Division

Board Member, Midwest Chapter, March of Dimes

Vice Chairman, Executive Board, Platte Valley Chapter

### **RNC Activity**

Delegate, Republican National Convention, 1988

Member, Resolutions Committee, Republican National  
Convention, 1988

### **Personal**

Spouse: Thomas H.

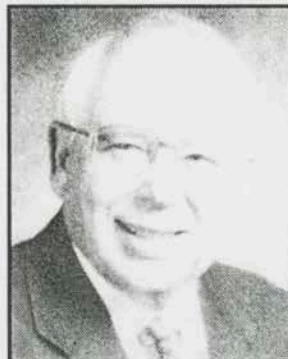
Children: Three

Education: St. Catherine's Hospital, School of Technicians

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## **NEBRASKA**

### **Duane W. Acklie National Committeeman**



#### **Present**

National Committeeman, Nebraska, elected - August 22, 1984  
Member, Nebraska Party Executive Committee and State  
Central Committee  
Member, Nebraska State Highway Commission, 1981 -  
Governor, Past Chairman of the Board, Nebraska Wesleyan  
University  
Nebraska Advisory Committee, U.S. Commission on Civil  
Rights  
Chairman, Crete Carrier Corporation and affiliated companies

#### **Previous**

Former Captain, United States Army  
Private Practice of Law  
Chairman, Nebraska Federation of Young Republicans  
Chairman, Lancaster County Young Republicans  
Finance and Campaign Chair Manager for numerous  
Republican candidates  
Chairman, Nebraska Chapter, Young Presidents' Organization  
Chairman, Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Director and President, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

#### **RNC Activity**

Member, RNC Rules Committee, 1986 -  
Vice Chairman, Midwest Region, 1990 -  
Delegate, Republican National Convention, 1984, 1988, 1992  
Vice Chairman, RNC Midwestern Region, 1990 -

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## **NEBRASKA**

### **Jerry Schenken Chairman**



#### **Present**

Chairman, Nebraska Republican State Central Committee,  
elected - March 2, 1991  
Governor, Tulane University Medical Center  
President, American Board of Pathology Foundation  
Director, Nebraska Medical Education Fund, Inc.  
Trustee, American Medical Association, 1985 -  
President and Physician, Pathology Center, 1980 -

#### **Previous**

Candidate for Congress, 1988  
Pathologist of the Year, 1983

#### **Personal**

Spouse: Charlotte  
Children: Three  
Education: B.S. and M.D., Tulane University

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June 24, 1994

MEMORANDUM TO SENATOR DOLE

FROM: SUZANNE HELLMANN

RE: NEBRASKA POLITICAL BRIEFING

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U.S. SENATE RACE

- o The latest poll from 6/5-7 shows Sen. Kerrey with 55% and Jan Stoney with 37%.
- o In 1993, Kerrey supported Clinton 80% of the time.
- o Stoney has been criticized for not being up on the issues but has been able to overcome this so far. Kerrey has attacked calling on Stoney to "defend her statements on federal budget deficits, health care and her criteria for voting in Congress."
- o As you know, Kerrey was the last to vote for Clinton's budget and as a result was appointed to chair the bi-partisan Presidential Commission on Entitlements.

(See enclosed from NRSC and Stoney campaign for more on Senate race)

U.S. GUBERNATORIAL RACE

Republican candidate: Gene Spence, President of Omaha Public Power  
Democrat incumbent: Ben Nelson

(See enclosed from RGA for additional information)

U.S. HOUSE RACES

District 1 (Lincoln)	Rep. Douglas Bereuter (R) Patrick Combs (D)
District 2 (Omaha and Bellevue)	Jon Christensen (R) (wife - Meredith) Rep. Peter Hoagland (D)
District 3 (Grand Island and western part of state)	Rep. Bill Barrett (R) Gil Chapin (D)

(See enclosed for additional information on Christensen with whom you met last week)



# Jan STONEY U.S. Senate

## MEMORANDUM

To: Suzanne Hellman  
Campaign America

From: Stuart Roy *SR*  
Stoney For Senate

Date: June 23, 1994

Re: Campaign Update

### Possible Dole Talking Points On Stoney Race:

- One of the leading races in the country to beat an incumbent, this is a winnable race
  - Independents and like-minded Dem. should support Stoney. Bill Clinton and Bob Kerrey are to the left of mainstream Nebraskans
  - Business background in the Senate will bring fiscal sanity
  - Stoney will be a Senate "rising star"
  - Stoney plan to reduce deficit makes good business sense. She believes in less talk, let's see the action.
  - Kerrey/Chafee Healthcare, why Dole no longer supports
- o Recent Omaha World-Herald poll June 13, 1994  
Kerrey 55 / Stoney 37  
18 point difference
- Pre-Primary poll, Scottsbluff Star-Herald May 5, 1994  
Kerrey 57 / Stoney 31  
26 point difference

Most significant movement was in the third congressional district where Stoney gained 18 points. The third district (western Nebraska) is the Republican stronghold.

- o Completed very successful week-long "Nebraska First" tour of Central and Western Nebraska earlier in the month.
- o Kerrey/Danforth Entitlement Commission held first meeting:
  - "Social Security on the table" according to Kerrey
  - National sales tax is option (USA Today)
  - No report until after election
- o Stoney has emphasized:
  - Putting Families First (From Heritage Foundation Plan)
  - \$500 per child tax credits
  - Cutting the capital gains tax rate from 28 to 15%
  - 2% spending cap on federal spending

Kerrey has attacked the Stoney spending cap as "unworkable." (see attached clips)

#### Stoney On Kerrey

- The rhetoric should match the record.
- "Comes to Nebraska and talks like Rush Limbaugh, goes to Washington and votes like Ted Kennedy."
- In this election year his rhetoric is about being a "deficit hawk." However, last year when he had the opportunity to stop the train, he chose to 'save the presidency' and voted for the largest tax increase in history.

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6/9/94

## GOP Strategy Apparent At Stoney Birthday Bash

BY BILL HORD  
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Wood River, Neb. — Nebraska Republicans made it clear Wednesday that as far as they are concerned, Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey has a running mate in his campaign for re-election — President Clinton.

Clinton's name was invoked repeatedly as more than 400 central Nebraska supporters of Kerrey challenger Jan Stoney gathered to stuff her campaign coffers on her 54th birthday.

Supporters from 14 counties paid \$54 apiece to congregate on the lawn of former Republican National Commit-  
teeman Milan Bish in what resembled a coming out party for the surviving candidates of the Republican primary.

Gene Spence of Omaha, the GOP candidate for governor, was there. So was Kate Witek, his running mate for lieutenant governor.

Others included Dave Heineman of Fremont, candidate for state treasurer, and State Sen. Scott Moore of Seward, candidate for secretary of state.

But the standing ovations were reserved for Mrs. Stoney and former U.S. senators Carl Curtis and Roman Hruska.

In interviews, Hruska and Curtis said Kerrey was out of touch with what Nebraskans wanted and was aligned too closely with Clinton.

"The biggest factor in this campaign (Mrs. Stoney vs. Kerrey) is the presiden-

cy itself," Hruska said. "There is quite a connection when Kerrey casts the deciding vote on the Clinton budget, saying he could not bring down the presidency.

"Kerrey was implying that he would have voted the other way if it hadn't been for that."

Curtis said the Nebraska Republican Party, which has been divided in recent years, was united behind Mrs. Stoney. "There's always somebody frightened about whether everybody will agree," Curtis said, "but in this case, there is going to be emphatic agreement that Kerrey has to go."

"We have never seen such a fervor for getting rid of a senator," said Bish.

The major campaign effort will be to link Kerrey as closely as possible with Clinton, whose approval ratings have been slipping.

Mrs. Stoney referred to a recently published book by investigative reporter Bob Woodward as she pounded on the theme of Kerrey's budget vote. "You've been reading about it," she said.

In his book, "The Agenda: Inside the Clinton White House," Woodward describes how Clinton pleaded with Kerrey to save his presidency by voting for the budget bill.

Mrs. Stoney said Kerrey's budget vote was the deciding factor for her to seek the office.

"When Kerrey cast the deciding vote on Clinton's budget proposal to, quote, save the presidency, I said, 'Enough is enough,'" Mrs. Stoney said.

W/H 6-9-94



# Jan **STONEY** U.S. Senate

## Primary Election Results

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May 10, 1994

### ***Stoney outpolls Kerrey by 43,581 voters***

o The Stoney primary voters came out and supported her on Tuesday, while Kerrey's support remained weak.

Stoney Vote Totals	149,055
Kerrey Vote Totals	105,474

### ***Stoney outpolls Kerrey by 15%***

(Republican and Democrat combined of total Senate votes cast)

o When you combine the total ballots cast in the Republican and Democrat Senate primary Stoney buries Bob Kerrey in support by Nebraska voters.

Stoney	53%
Kerrey	38%

### ***Democrat voters skip out on Kerrey***

o Although Kerrey had no opposition, 15 percent of Democrats who voted in the primary skipped out on Bob Kerrey. They chose not to vote in the Democrat Senate election at all.

Kerrey % of Democrat Ballots cast	84.9 %
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#### **Democrat ballots cast**

In Governors Race	124,125
For Kerrey	105,474



6/23/94

## Mrs. Stoney: Deficit Panel Has No Clout

BY C. DAVID KOTOK  
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Jan Stoney, the Republican Senate candidate, told Omaha Rotarians Wednesday that little can be expected in the form of deficit reduction from the entitlement reform commission led by Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb.

Three weeks ago, Kerrey told members of the same Downtown Rotary Club that the federal budget deficit is being driven by unsustainable growth in entitlement programs, particularly Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and federal retirement. The commission, Kerrey said, is the best hope for a bipartisan effort to get a handle on deficits.

Mrs. Stoney said the commission has "no clout." What is needed, Mrs. Stoney said, is a commission that can enforce its recommendations. Kerrey and Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., are co-chairmen of the commission.

"That's not the case with anything going on right now," Mrs. Stoney said.

She said in an interview after her speech that the commission has no authority. She also said it will not make its final report until "conveniently after the election."

Kerrey was in meetings with commission and staff members Wednesday afternoon and was unavailable to respond. Steve Jarding, spokesman for the Kerrey campaign, said Mrs. Stoney's assessment was at odds with Republican members of the commission.

Mrs. Stoney also accused Kerrey of an "election-year conversion" to a "deficit hawk." She said Kerrey had "never sponsored a spending reduction bill until a year before the election."

To bring the deficit under control, Mrs. Stoney said, she supports a cap on all federal spending growth at no more than 2 percent.



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# Opponents Clash Over Deficit

## Kerrey, Mrs. Stoney Trade Red-Ink Fire

BY C. DAVID KOTOK  
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey and his Republican opponent, Jan. Stoney, clashed Thursday over their differing approaches toward dealing with federal budget deficits.

Kerrey called Mrs. Stoney "uninformed" a day after the Republican challenger appeared before the Downtown Rotary Club to criticize the entitlement reform commission of which Kerrey is co-chairman with Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo. She also said she supports a 2 percent cap on the growth of federal spending combined with middle-class tax cuts.

"At some point you have to come to audiences, if you are serious about deficit reduction, and tell them something they don't want to hear," Kerrey said in a telephone call to The World-Herald.

Mrs. Stoney said in a separate interview Thursday that the only plan Kerrey has supported to eliminate the budget deficit is the 1993 Clinton administration program of tax increases and spending cuts that ends up adding \$1 trillion to the national debt over four years.

"Her statements are uninformed," Kerrey said. "She is a very fine person who has done some fine things, but she is uninformed on this."

Kerrey said he has made deficit reduction a major goal since going to the Senate in 1989. He said Mrs. Stoney has ignored his support of then-President Bush's 1990 deficit package that also was backed by then-Rep. Virginia Smith, R-Neb.

The entitlement commission has won acceptance as "the best hope to reform entitlements," Kerrey said. The commission is modeled after the 1983 Social Security reform commission that succeeded in putting its recommendation into law.

"We are working to build bipartisan support," Kerrey said. "It has teeth. . . Obviously it's an uphill battle, but it's

## Senators to Hit Stoney Trail

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole and Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas will make separate appearances this weekend in Omaha at fund-raising events for Jan. Stoney, the GOP challenger to Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey.

Mayor Morgan will hold a Sunday fund-raising brunch with Dole at his home in Tomlinson Woods subdivision near 108th and Pacific Streets. The cost of the noon event is \$500 a person.

Gramm, chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, will appear at two Saturday night fund-raisers. Gramm will be at a 5:30 p.m., \$50-a-person reception at the home of Dr. Pete and Lisa Cimino near 96th and Pacific Streets. A \$500-a-person event will be held at the home of Dr. Griffith and Margaret Evans near 92nd and West Dodge Road.

Dole and Gramm are potential rivals for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination.

our best hope."

The shortcoming, Mrs. Stoney said, is that there are no commitments to implement the commission recommendations. "It's part of the deal Bob Kerrey and Bill Clinton made" to gain Kerrey's vote for the 1993 budget package, she said.

Kerrey has denied that the commission was established in exchange for his vote. However, most Washington observers have viewed the commission as the promise that won over Kerrey.

Kerrey was particularly critical of Mrs. Stoney's proposal to put an overall cap of 2 percent on annual growth in total federal spending. Kerrey said domestic spending over the next five years will grow at less than half of 1 percent a year.

A 2 percent growth rate would mean an additional \$135 billion in federal

spending on discretionary domestic spending over five years, Kerrey said. At the same time, a 2 percent growth cap could reduce Medicare by \$226 billion, Medicaid by \$143 billion and civil and military retirement by \$22 billion.

The result could be rapidly rising Medicare premiums and the closing of many rural hospitals, Kerrey said.

The reason his negative ratings among Nebraskans has increased, Kerrey said, is that he has had to tell some that their programs will be cut, while telling others — including Mrs. Stoney — that their taxes are being raised.

"At least I have a plan," Mrs. Stoney said. "If Bob Kerrey has another plan, let's see it."

## Christensen Criticizes Hoagland's Campaigning

Republican congressional candidate Jon Christensen accused Rep. Peter Hoagland on Thursday of campaigning at taxpayer expense.

Christensen said Hoagland's Washington office soon will be mailing a 200,000-piece, taxpayer-funded mailing "that is clearly and simply a campaign piece."

Christensen also called on Paul Landow, head of Hoagland's Omaha office, to decide whether he is working for Hoagland's office or the campaign. Landow has recently been a spokesman for Hoagland in responding to political criticism.

"If he's going to be funded by taxpayer dollars, let's make sure he's working for the district," Christensen said of Landow.

Landow said he was speaking not for the campaign but for Hoagland. "When Mr. Christensen attacks the official record, an official response is appropriate," he said.

Landow said there is nothing improper about Hoagland's planned mailing, which deals with initiatives in Congress aimed at fighting crime.

Christensen filed a formal complaint with the House of Representatives about a previous Hoagland mailing that he considered to be a campaign piece. The complaint was dismissed by a House commission.



# NEBRASKA

**Status of Incumbent:** Gov. Nelson (D) Eligible to seek reelection.

## REPUBLICANS

Gene Spence, Pres., Omaha Public Power

## DEMOCRATS

Ben Nelson, Incumbent

## Update

Businessman Gene Spence won the Republican nomination for governor on May 10, defeating former Nebraska GOP chairman Ralph Knobel 38% to 32%. Spence dominated his home town of Omaha as expected. Observers thought that Knobel would easily win the areas outside Omaha. Spence upset the conventional wisdom however by winning the towns throughout the expansive 3rd congressional district. In areas that he did not win, he nevertheless was very competitive. University of Nebraska at Omaha Political Science Professor James Johnston said that Spence's showing outstate is a major "breakthrough in the cultural, political trends in the state. Outsiders were willing to support someone from the big city." The Platte River Valley is a traditional Republican stronghold, and Spence performed well there in the primary. He also received widespread support in other 3rd district population centers such as Columbus, Grand Island and Scottsbluff.

He and running mate Kate Witek, also from Omaha, will have to perform well in these outstate areas in the general election. Spence said that to do well there will involve a lot of face-to-face campaigning. Witek's more conservative social views are seen as a definite plus in the western part of the state. *The Omaha World Herald* notes that Spence's victory in the primary was in the mold of Democratic victories in general elections. "Typically, a Democratic governor has had to win Omaha and Lincoln, then not do badly in other areas of Nebraska in order to win in this state. That is exactly what Spence did in the primary."

The Spence-Nelson race is the first race in the 127-year history of Nebraska that involves only gubernatorial candidates from Omaha. Nelson was the first person from Omaha elected this century.

Gene Spence wants to focus his governorship on economic development, job creation, tax equity, crime prevention, punishment and education. Upon election he has promised to seek to eliminate the parole board and to handle its duties himself. Spence says that he can analyze government and figure out where to cut it and make it more efficient.

Spence is currently a co-owner of a real estate investment firm. He has been an official with various title and mortgage banking enterprises. He was appointed to the Omaha Public Power District board in 1979 and elected to it in 1980, 1982 and 1988. A longtime Democratic official who supports Nelson and who has worked with Spence on the Public Power District board, conceded to the *World Herald*, "He does make a great impact on management."

Spence is married and the father of two children.

#### 1992 Presidential Vote

Bush (R)	343,678 (47%)
Clinton (D)	216,864 (29%)
Perot (I)	174,104 (24%)
Total	734,646

#### 1990 Gubernatorial General Election Results

E. Benjamin Nelson (D)	292,771 (50%)
Kay A. Orr (R)	288,741 (49%)
Other	5,030 (1%)
Total	586,542

### POLLING INFORMATION

POLITICAL/MEDIA RESEARCH MAY 1-3, 1994(N=804 LIKELY RV'S MARGIN OF ERROR +/- 3.5%)

#### GENERAL ELECTION TRIAL HEAT:

Ben Nelson(D)	51%
Gene Spence(R)	33%
Undecided	16%



# Jan STONEY U.S. Senate

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June 13, 1994

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## Jan Stoney Announces "Nebraska First" Tour

Broken Bow, Neb.--In an effort to fulfill her campaign pledge to put Nebraska first, Republican Senate candidate Jan Stoney today kicked off her "Nebraska First" tour with a tour of downtown businesses and a "Meet Jan Stoney night" in Broken Bow.

During the week Stoney is visiting seven central and western Nebraska cities, conducting four downtown business tours, a town hall meeting, holding several coffees, a seniors' center lunch, on several radio talk shows, opening a headquarters in North Platte and attending Nebraskaland Days events. The events include a prime rib feed, pork breakfast, kiss the pig contest, the PRCA Buffalo Bill Rodco and parade.

"I am determined to listen to the needs and concerns of all Nebraskans," Stoney said. "That is why this 'Nebraska First' tour is so important. I want to ensure that we listen and respond to what Nebraskans really want. We should not simply dictate what we think the solutions ought to be," Stoney added.

On this "Nebraska First" tour, Stoney is emphasizing the needs of rural communities. Stoney said, "We have to be committed to rural economic development. That means looking for new markets and new uses for Nebraska agriculture products. It means ensuring the needs of rural communities are served in the health care debate. And it means taking into consideration the economic impacts that environmental legislation has on Nebraska farmers and ranchers."

"My background in business will allow me to serve as a negotiator for Nebraska products in the Senate. I will be able to put those same business skills to work expanding markets for our products," Stoney said.

Stoney is a successful businesswoman who worked her way up from an entry level position that paid \$57 a week and eventually became president of the company. Her father died when she was five and her mother worked as a secretary to support the family. Her story is being well received all over Nebraska as evidenced by her strong showing in the primary election where she outpolled Sen. Bob Kerrey by nearly 44,000 votes.

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## POLITICS & POLICY

# Kerrey, Clinton Strive Toward Similar Vision, But Senator Has Been Thorn in President's Side

By DENNIS FARNEY

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

OMAHA, Neb. — Two proud and prickly men: mutually wary, yet mutually dependent. Both impatient, both gripped by a desire to do something big — the big play, the big imprint on history — but at odds over just what that something should be.

This describes Bob Kerrey and Bill Clinton, who have one of the most convoluted relationships in American politics. Bob Woodward's new book, "The Agenda," describes how an at-wits-end president, desperately courting Sen. Kerrey's vote for last year's deficit-reduction package, ended one telephone conversation with a shouted epithet. For his part, Sen. Kerrey (who confirms the telephone incident) periodically lectures the beleaguered president to show more courage, to aim higher, to use the White House for loftier ends.

"He's got to give more prominence to his belief that there's a purpose to all this," the senator says in an interview here. "It's his most powerful belief."

Now these two, adversaries in the 1992 Democratic presidential nomination race, are yoked together as Democrats trying to pass an ambitious agenda in an uncertain political climate. And events are carrying both toward decisions that could reshape domestic policy and, with it, the political landscape.

### Backing Chafee Plan

Sen. Kerrey, the Nebraska first-termee facing a re-election battle this fall, already has broken with the Clinton health-reform proposal. He has opted to work for a scaled-down, bipartisan plan with Republican Sen. John Chafee of Rhode Island. With the original Clinton plan all but dead in the water, this move could actually help rescue the president. Given Sen. Kerrey's close friendship with Chairman Daniel Patrick Moynihan of the Senate Finance Committee, "he becomes a very significant force in trying to find a middle



Bob Kerrey

ground," says Michael Bromberg, executive director of the Federation of American Health Systems.

"I think there's a victory lying out there to be had," Sen. Kerrey says. "But we [Congress] have to write the law, and it's not going to be his law."

On another front, however, Sen. Kerrey also is chairman of the new Bipartisan Commission on Entitlements and Tax Reform. President Clinton agreed to the creation of the commission in return for the senator's decisive vote at the end of deficit-reduction debate. And that commission, due to make its recommendations Dec. 2, seems increasingly likely to hand the president — indeed, politicians of both parties — a ticking bomb.

The commission is still at an early stage of its deliberations — its first public meeting is Monday — and Sen. Kerrey, who has a refreshing tendency to think aloud, also is notorious for abruptly changing his mind. With these caveats, though, it's clear that he is at least weighing sweeping changes in the tax structure while limiting the growth of social programs, including Social Security, that have been mainstays of Democratic domestic policy — and electoral strategy — since Franklin D. Roosevelt.

### Entitlements, Consumption Tax

In interviews, Sen. Kerrey raises the possibility of these recommendations to the president:

- Requiring means tests for entitlements — programs that automatically benefit anyone who falls into specific legal categories — including Social Security. "Everything is on the table," he says. "And if everything is on the table, Social Security is on the table. That's the largest entitlement we have."

Another way to slow the growth of Social Security payments, he says, might be to "adjust [future] entitlements for people who are 50 years old now, instead of people who are already retired." In this manner, a younger generation — his own — would bite the Social Security bullet first.

- Establish a "progressive consumption tax" to replace as much of the current income-tax structure as possible. A consumption tax, widely used in Europe, has the side effect of prompting savings. He notes that Missouri GOP Sen. John

forth, vice chairman of the commission, also is intrigued by a consumption tax.

Sen. Kerrey says the commission won't recommend any entitlement changes that can't win the support of at least 60% of the commission members, who range from liberals to conservatives. And, he emphasizes, the commission won't recommend any tax changes at all unless it can first agree on entitlement changes. Nevertheless, he sounds determined to use the commission — approved by a distracted President Clinton as something of an afterthought — to explore the possibility of fundamental change.

"In my judgment, entitlements are the principal reason we have a deficit," he tells the Rotary Club here. Their rate of growth, he says, "is an unsustainable trend. We cannot sustain this trendline."

### Republican Challenger

How such ideas will play politically in Sen. Kerrey's own re-election battle against Republican challenger Jan Stoney, a retired executive vice president at U S West Communications, is anybody's guess. The senator's high-profile collaboration with Republican Sens. Chafee and Danforth should appeal to voters in this conservative, Republican-leaning state. And deficit reduction is popular — in the abstract. On the other hand, Nebraska has a relatively elderly population, sensitive to any changes in Social Security and Medicare, and an agricultural sector undergirded with federal subsidies.

Vivacious but politically inexperienced, the 54-year-old Mrs. Stoney rose from a \$57-a-week job at the old Northwestern Bell Co. to become its president; the company was later folded into U S West Communica-

tions, a unit of U S West Inc. Her campaign got off to a slow start and was marred by early bobbles on specifics like federal aid to the Omaha area. But she's stepping up the pace and makes opposition to the Clinton health-reform plan a campaign centerpiece.

"We should kill the Clinton plan. It's a job-killer," she argues. In fact, she would postpone sweeping health-care reform until Congress first tackles malpractice reform (a particularly sensitive issue for Democrats, because many lawyers support Democrats) and passes a few relatively uncontroversial measures like improving the portability of health-insurance coverage. Assuming these things happen, she says, "let's take a three-year assessment to see what the problems are."

### "That Speech"

Another centerpiece is what she disdainfully calls "that speech": Sen. Kerrey's nationally televised announcement on the Senate floor last year that he would reluctantly vote for the Clinton deficit plan and its taxes. "Bob Kerrey had the opportunity of a lifetime last August to stop the train, and he chose not to," she argues. She says Social Security should be left alone but all other government programs capped. A consumption tax, she says, would be "a hidden tax and an added tax."

Charged as he is with bailing out President Clinton last year, Sen. Kerrey is helped, not hurt, by the Woodward revelations that the President yelled epithets at him. In fact, given Mr. Clinton's sagging popularity in Nebraska, it would help if Mr. Clinton yelled at him some more. The senator brushes aside the incident as words spoken in "a moment of anger." Asked whether he might challenge Mr. Clinton in 1996, he replies: "No. That speculation has no basis."

But with typical frankness, he acknowledges that he's learned a few things from the turbulent Clinton-Kerrey relationship.

One is that Mr. Clinton ran a far better presidential campaign than he did. "I don't suffer an illusion that fate was unkind to me," he says over breakfast here. "I got what I deserved."

Another lesson, he grins, is that the next time a bitterly controversial vote comes before the Senate, he'll make certain he isn't the last senator to announce his position. "I can guarantee you that."



## MEMORANDUM

June 23, 1994

To: Senator Bob Dole

From: Paul Curcio

RE: Nebraska Briefing

**REPUBLICAN:**

Jan Stoney, *businesswoman*

**DEMOCRAT:**

Incumbent Senator: Bob Kerrey

### POLITICAL OVERVIEW

- Organizationally, Jan Stoney has been building her paid staff campaign organization. She recently hired John Maxwell as her general consultant. Maxwell was a consultant for Grassley's re-election campaign in 1992, and served as Executive Director for the Texas Republican Party in the 1984 election cycle. Politically, Maxwell has been most active in the mid-western U.S. She has also hired a political director and will soon be hiring a press assistant.
- Jan won the May 11 primary over perennial GOP candidate Otis Glebe, receiving 149,055 votes, nearly 90 % of the total ballots cast in the Republican primary. It is significant to note that Kerrey, running unopposed in the Democratic primary, received only 105,474 votes of the 124,125 Democrat votes cast. In other words, about 15 % of the Democrat primary voters consciously passed over Kerrey to vote in the balance of the primary races. Kerrey was unopposed, so a vote for him would have been easy and obvious. Clearly, some base Democrats were expressing their dissatisfaction with him.
- Kerrey recently directly attacked Stoney on several issues (SEE ATTACHED OMAHA WORLD HERALD ARTICLE AND STONEY PRESS RELEASE). Further, the release of the Bob Woodward book, *The Agenda*, which cites a phone conversation between President Clinton and Kerrey, has generated both local and national media attention. The exchange took place during Senate consideration of the President's tax package. Woodward writes that Kerrey exchanged his vote for the Chairmanship of the Entitlement Commission, and that Clinton appealed to Kerrey that defeat of his package would bring down his presidency. Kerrey claims to have taken offense at this tact, but during his floor speech cited that he was

voting for the package because he felt that the President deserved the opportunity to push his agenda and that he did not want to be responsible for ruining Clinton's presidency. *In other words, to paraphrase your rally cry in '84, Kerrey had to choose between Nebraska and Bill Clinton, and he chose Bill Clinton.*

- Though Stoney herself is the principal reason for optimism in Nebraska, there are other good indications as well:
  - A. Nebraska is a majority Republican-registered state. Specifically, 50% of Nebraskans are registered Republicans, 40% are Democrats, 10% Independents. In raw voter terms, there are 78,000 more Republicans than Democrats.
  - B. Bob Kerrey has never run in an environment like '94's. First, Kerrey has never stood for re-election, so '94 is really the first time he's ever had to defend his record. Second, it's the first time Kerrey's ever run when Democrats controlled *everything* -- the governorship, both U.S. Senate seats, the White House, both houses of Congress. In a GOP-majority state, that can't be a plus.
  - C. Kerrey's run for the presidency is probably a negative. Historically, Democrats who run unsuccessfully for President often run into trouble when they seek re-election in their home states. Usually it's because their constituents are surprised at their liberal stands in the presidential campaign. Recall that Kerrey's central theme in the presidential race was single-payer health plan. He has since had several different opinions about health care, culminating with his endorsement of the Chafee plan (see attached Stoney release).
- The campaign began with an interesting flurry of activity. In December, Stoney sent out a press release indicating she would announce her candidacy in January. Kerrey's press secretary and the State Democratic Party Chairman immediately responded, characterizing Jan as "a conservative, Christian Coalition type," representing "the religious right of the Republican Party." Two days after the remarks were reported in the *Omaha World Herald*, the paper -- usually favorable to Kerrey -- wrote an editorial titled, "A Repugnant Slap at Jan Stoney's Religion" in which they denounced religious bigotry, "especially when it is used as a campaign tactic." The paper challenged Kerrey to "stop the rumors and innuendoes and to stick to legitimate campaign issues." Kerrey responded with an op-ed, attempting to undo the damage. Shortly after that, Kerrey came under fire for intervening in a government bid process to help one of his prominent contributors.



- Kerrey's apparent theme against Stoney is that, despite her business acumen, she is too unfamiliar with federal issues, and consequently is not ready to be a senator. Early on in the campaign, she came under fire when asked by a reporter about a specific federal program -- Impact Aid -- while she was campaigning in a county that receives significant funding under this program. She responded that she was not "up to speed on that particular issue," which resulted in a negative story in the *Omaha World Herald* and a generally harsh editorial in the *Lincoln Journal*. While this line of attack has died down recently, it could be very easily re ignited with any misstep by Stoney.
- It is important to note that Kerrey has failed to receive the endorsement of the Nebraska and National Restaurant Associations of which his business partner/brother-in-law is a member. Although they did not endorse Stoney, Kerrey's brother-in-law resigned from the board and quit both associations.

**JAN STONEY:** A retired Executive Vice President of U.S. WEST Communications, a Baby Bell telephone company, Mrs. Jan Stoney is a native of Omaha. Raised by her mother after her father's death when she was only five years old, Jan's life reflects a character in a "Horatio Alger" story. While her mother was employed as a full-time secretary, Jan worked after school to help meet the monthly bills. After graduating from high school, she started a job with Northwestern Bell as an operator and worked her way up the company ladder. In 1989 she was named President of Northwestern Bell, and after consolidation with other "Baby Bells" into U.S. WEST Communication, she was named Executive Vice President until her retirement last year.

Jan has been widely recognized for her business accomplishments, culminating in her being named as one of the Top Corporate Women in the United States by Fortune Magazine in 1992. She currently sits on the Boards of Whirlpool Corporation, Guarantee Mutual Life Insurance, Creighton University, and Norwest Bank, among others. In the January/February issue of Omaha Magazine, Jan is the featured cover story.

**BOB KERREY:** In a 1993 Washington Post interview, Senator Bob Kerrey said, "I discovered in 1992 that people had a low regard for the Senate and for anyone in Washington, D.C. Bill Clinton took advantage of it; he was the outsider. Now he's an insider, and so am I, and that's not a comfortable position to be in."

This admission would indicate that even Kerrey recognizes what many have been saying lately: Kerrey has lost touch with the day-to-day realities and concerns of his constituency. His flip-flops on issues ranging from the gas tax to naming a special counsel in the Whitewater case have only served to highlight his truly deciding vote on the Clinton plan in the Senate; he was the last Democrat to announce his support of the Clinton tax increase. Kerrey's decision received massive press play by both the Nebraska and national media. That vote has caused voter disenchantment, as reflected

in October polling. Kerrey's re-elect is surprisingly weak (49% re-elect, 43% new person), and his name I.D. and job performance numbers are at historical lows; he doesn't even exceed 50% in match-ups against relatively unknown Republicans.

## POLITICAL HISTORY AND CURRENT STATUS

Nebraska was formed in one rush settlement in the 1880s, when its population increased from 452,000 to 1,062,000 -- more than it has increased in the 100 years since. Nebraska remains heavily dependent on farming and related industries, and Omaha and Lincoln are still its only significant cities. The sudden boom of the 1880s produced the most colorful politics of Nebraska's history: the populist movement and William Jennings Bryan who, at 36 years of age, delivered the famous Cross of Gold speech at the 1896 Democratic National Convention and was swept to the nomination.

Despite the populism of the early century, over the past 50 years Nebraska has voted more Republican in presidential elections than any other state -- 62% to Kansas's 59% in second place. But despite its GOP tilt in presidential races, we have done much more poorly down the ballot: Nebraska has a nonpartisan, unicameral legislature, has had Democratic governors for all but 12 years since 1960, and currently has two Democratic senators. Of the three Nebraska U.S. House Reps, two are Republican.

In Nebraska there is an urban-rural split with greater Omaha, Lincoln and the southern counties less Republican than the Platte Valley and the west.

Historically, it's been understood that there should be a senator from Lincoln and a senator from Omaha. Senator Exon is from Lincoln while Bob Kerrey currently claims Omaha as his home (though he is not a native of Omaha).



## LATEST POLLING INFORMATION

Gallup/Omaha World Herald (6/94)

### BALLOT

Kerrey 55%  
Stoney 37%

### JOB PERFORMANCE

Positive 59%  
Negative 35%

An analyst at the Gallup organization was quoted in the newspaper story as saying, "This is the type of a campaign where observers are likely to jump to the conclusion that the well-known incumbent enjoys a decided, perhaps even decisive, advantage over a relatively little-known challenger. But at this early stage of the campaign, for Mrs. Stoney to receive over one-third of the vote suggests a much greater potential than what she currently enjoys. **Much can happen in five months and this election contest...cannot be considered a sure bet for Kerrey.**"

American Viewpoint / NRSC

10/93

### Bob Kerrey

#### Re-elect

Re-elect 49%  
New Person 43%

#### Job Performance

Approve 59%  
Disapprove 37%

#### Name I.D.

	Kerrey	Stoney
Favorable	56%	9%
Unfavorable	35%	3%

#### Ballot

	Kerrey	Stoney
	50%	24%

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Candidate	Raised 4/20	Spent 4/20	PAC \$	COH 4/20	Debt
Kerrey	\$2,893,318	\$1,453,674	\$982,750	\$1,627,908	\$0
Stoney	\$415,752	\$172,493	\$38,900	\$243,259	\$50,000

Please note that Stoney expects to report on June 30 of having raised between \$850,000 and \$900,000 to date. They have a media account and have set-aside nearly \$500,000 for media after Labor Day; they hope to have close to \$1 million in this account by September.

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Public Opinion Research

U.S. HOUSE  
CHRISTENSEN VS. HOAGLAND RACE  
CD-02

June 10, 1994

TO: Jon Christensen  
FROM: Bob Moore  
RE: Survey Results

You lead Hoagland 52% to 36% with 12% undecided. Your support includes 33% who are definitely voting for you, 15% who will probably vote for you and another 4% who are currently leaning toward you. Hoagland supporters include 24% who said they are definitely voting for him, 10% who will probably vote for him and another 2% who are leaning toward him.

You lead Hoagland because he is unpopular, but also because voters in the district want a Republican to represent them in Congress. Hoagland suffers from a negative image; currently 36% have a favorable, while 41% have an unfavorable opinion of him. Further, 60% favor a new person in Congress, while just 29% believe Hoagland deserves reelection. Hoagland's numbers are much worse than the typical Congressman nationwide. Voter complaints about Hoagland were both numerous and specific, however, most focused on perceptions that it is time for a change, disagreement with Hoagland on issues and perceptions that he doesn't fulfill campaign promises.



Bolstering your bid for election are desires for a Republican in Congress. Currently 52% favor a Republican, while 36% favor a Democrat, despite a 44% to 43% Democratic edge in registration. The majority support for a Republican is due to greater loyalty among Republicans than Democrats and strong dissatisfaction with President Clinton's performance, especially among Republicans.

As far as issues, voters are most concerned about federal spending and the deficit, followed by health care, crime, and moral issues. Voters were very critical of Hoagland's support for Clinton's economic stimulus package. Further, there was a general negative reaction to his support of President Clinton in general, and for a bill banning striker replacements.

At the same time, voters were positive about your goals to oppose higher taxes and reduce the federal deficit. Finally, Hoagland's charges that you are a Christian right-wing Conservative did not have much impact on voters one way or another.

Jon, you have an excellent opportunity to win Nebraska's second district. Voters are very impressed with you (37% favorable, 17% unfavorable) and your base is very strong; among Republicans you lead 81% to 12%.

The survey was conducted June 2-3, 1994 among a representative sample of 300 district voters. The potential sampling error is plus or minus 6% at the 95% confidence level.

Please call me if you have any questions.

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## 6-12-94 Takeover by the Religious Right Could Lead the GOP to Disaster

Concern is growing among political activists about the influence of right-wing religious groups in the Republican Party.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith charged Thursday that the principle of the separation of church and state is threatened. The ADL said the threat comes from political organizations that have fielded candidates who advocate school prayer, support government aid to religious schools and oppose equal rights for gay and lesbian people.

In Iowa, U.S. Rep. Fred Grandy blamed the religious right for leaflets distributed at churches the Sunday before his loss to Gov. Terry Branstad in that state's Republican primary election. Like many other congressmen and senators, Grandy had voted for federal funding for the arts. He said the leaflets twisted his position, making him out to be an advocate of expanded rights for pornographers.

In Minnesota, a religious right candidate, Allen Quist, is expected to win the GOP nomination over a sitting Republican governor at the party's convention this month. In Virginia, the nomination of Oliver North, with strong help from the Pat Robertson organization, has alienated a number of moderate Republicans in that state. As this newspaper noted Tuesday, such things can hurt the democratic system by making one of the two major political parties less competitive.

Albert R. Hunt, who covers politics for The Wall Street Journal, referred to the religious right as "a thundercloud hovering over the bright Republican political hopes for this year and beyond." He said that Christian activists are dominating Republican politics "from South

Carolina to Washington state, from Iowa to Texas."

Why a thundercloud? Because, Hunt said, "the narrow, negative fervor of the religious right offends many Americans." He said the presence of religious right candidates on the ballot may hurt GOP chances in Virginia, Texas and Minnesota.

In Nebraska, too. "This year," Hunt wrote, "was supposed to be curtains for three-time Nebraska Rep. Peter Hoagland; he got only 51 percent last time, and Bill Clinton was clobbered in this Republican district centered in Omaha and its suburbs. Democrats expected the GOP nominee would be Brad Ashford, a state senator who is conservative on crime and economics but pro-choice on abortion. But that inflamed members of the religious right, who turned out to nominate one of their own, Jon Christensen."

The 2nd District race, Hunt wrote, "now tilts to the incumbent," Peter Hoagland.

This is not to suggest that people with religious convictions should be forced to remain on the political sidelines. To the contrary. A person's religious beliefs should not be a barrier to participation in self-government. But appeals to religious sectarianism are another matter entirely, as is the use of the machinery of democracy to impose a narrow religious viewpoint on society.

Efforts by the religious right to use the Republican Party to promote such a viewpoint should concern all those who hold to the party's traditional, moderate-to-conservative principles. To allow the GOP to become a vehicle for the narrow views of a religious minority could lead to disaster for the party — and a political nightmare for the country.





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American communities. Nationally, programs—many designed and led by psychologists—are steering young people away from drugs and teaching them to resolve conflicts without resorting to violence. Additionally, as part of integrated pupil service teams, psychologists lend their understanding of how and why people learn to create more effective teaching methods. In preparing young children to begin school ready to learn, psychology provides the foundation for many successful child development programs, including Head Start.

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most of that support.

Republicans in the state, meanwhile, have promised to campaign against the initiative, claiming it is a thinly disguised effort to boost Cook's chances of winning the seat at the expense of Waldholtz, who narrowly lost to Shepherd in 1992.

Cook says he expects his petitions to be challenged vigorously by the office of Lt. Gov. Olene Walker, a Republican, who has responsibility for certifying the signatures.

Shepherd has been quiet on the issue. "We'll run against him once. We'll run against him twice. Bring him on," said Shepherd's campaign spokesman, Paul Svendsen.

If the Utah initiative is approved, the state would become only the second in the country with a post-general election runoff for Congress. Georgia also has such a provision, and its use in 1992 led to the defeat of Sen. Wyche Fowler (D) in a December runoff.

— Craig Winneker

## Nebraska: Polls Show Hoagland Trailing Challenger

Three-term Nebraska Rep. **Peter Hoagland** (D-Neb) is a perennial GOP target, but this year he may be more vulnerable than ever. Two new polls show him trailing Republican challenger **Jon Christensen** by significant margins.

One survey, taken June 5 to 7 by the Gallup Organization for the Omaha World-Herald newspaper, showed Christensen with a 50 to 39 percent edge over Hoagland. The other, conducted June 2 and 3 by Moore Information for the Christensen campaign, produced similar results, giving the challenger a 52 to 36 percent advantage.

Hoagland was re-elected in 1992 with just 51 percent of the vote, and in this year's Democratic primary, a candidate who filed as a pauper received 27 percent of the vote against him.

In the GOP primary, Christensen waged an effective grassroots campaign against two other more moderate candidates, state Sen. Brad Ashford and former prosecutor Ron Staskiewicz, who was making his third attempt for the seat.

Democrats hope to make hay out of Christensen's ties to the religious right and claim he is a fringe candidate who is unelectable in November. Christensen says he'll paint Hoagland as a liberal who's out of touch with the Omaha-based district.

Meanwhile, the Gallup poll showed Sen. **Bob Kerrey** (D) with a comfortable 55 to 37 percent lead over former USWest executive **Jan Stoney** (R).

— C.W.

ROLL CALL 6/16/94



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\*6 NEBRASKA: KERREY PROFILE TO RISE WITH ENTITLEMENT COMMISSION  
W.S. JOURNAL's Farney profiles Sen. Bob Kerrey (D-NE), who will chair the new Bipartisan Commission on Entitlements and Tax Reform, which was created in return for Kerrey's last-minute, reluctant vote for Pres. Clinton's economic plan in '93. Kerrey and Clinton "have one of the most convoluted relationships in American politics," as was recently displayed in Bob Woodward's report of Clinton employing the f-word in a heated phone call with Kerrey (see HOTLINE 6/7). Kerrey's commission, due to make its recommendations 12/2, "seems increasingly likely to hand the president -- indeed, politicians of both parties -- a ticking bomb." Kerrey "sounds determined to use the commission -- approved by a distracted President Clinton as something of an afterthought -- to explore the possibility of fundamental change." Kerrey: "In my view, entitlements are the principal reason we have a deficit." Kerrey's fall opponent, businesswoman Jan Stoney (R) still attacks Kerrey for his budget vote: "Bob Kerrey had the opportunity of a lifetime last August to stop the train, and he chose not to." Although the vote could hurt Kerrey, he is "helped, not hurt, by the Woodward revelation that the President yelled epithets at him. In fact, given Mr. Clinton's sagging popularity in Nebraska, it would help if Mr. Clinton yelled at him some more." Kerrey, asked about rumors that he would challenge Clinton in '96: "No. That speculation has no basis" (6/10). Stoney, on Kerrey: "We need to elect responsible and responsive leadership. No more cloning Bill Clinton. In 1993, Bob Kerrey supported the programs of the Clinton administration 80% of the time." Kerrey spokesperson Steve Jarding called it "a laughable charge," noting CQ rated Kerrey Clinton's 6th least supportive Dem Senator: "No Democrat in the Senate has gotten more notoriety than Kerrey for being 'a thorn in Clinton's side'" (Kotok, OMAHA WORLD-HERALD, 6/4).

COVERING THE COVERAGE: Kerrey hit Stoney for not providing health benefits to her campaign workers. Stoney "acknowledged that her campaign doesn't offer health insurance to its staff. She said she asked new staff members if they had health coverage. If not the person's salary was adjusted to indirectly help provide insurance, she said." Stoney had first raised the issue of whether the Grandmother's Restaurant chain, co-owned by Kerrey, granted benefits to its employees. She said she would compare the benefits of U.S. West, where she was an executive, to Kerrey's co-owned businesses, Grandmothers and Prairie Life health clubs. Kerrey said all full-time employees -- about 35% of the total -- get 100% of their benefits paid.



HOTLINE 6/2/94

\*7 NEBRASKA: KERREY BREAKS THE SILENCE, CHALLENGING STONEY

The "relative quiet" of the race was broken 5/31 when Sen. Bob Kerrey (D) challenged businesswoman Jan Stoney (R) "to defend her statements on federal budget deficits, health care and her criteria for voting in Congress." Stoney's response: "I'm glad to see him come out from behind his campaign officials." Kerrey "initiated the first significant exchange between the two" since the 5/10 primary, saying that "it was time her positions came under scrutiny." Kerrey: "Her statements on health care and deficit reduction and her pledge to vote according to public opinion polls display neither vision nor courage." Kerrey said, "by opposing handgun waiting periods, a ban on assault rifles, abortion rights, family-leave protection for employees and Goals 2000," Stoney "has come out against the wishes of most Nebraskans." Stoney said that on the "important issues," such as the '93 federal budget vote and term limits, "she, rather than Kerrey, sides with the overwhelming majority of Nebraskans." Stoney opposed the budget vote and favors term limits and a balanced budget amendment (Kotok, OMAHA WORLD-HERALD, 6/1). Stoney release: "The attack by Kerrey marks the first time in the election that he has directly criticized Jan Stoney's position on the issues without the help of press aides. Stoney's showing in the primary election when she garnered over 43,000 votes more than Kerrey could have prompted the change in strategy in the Kerrey campaign" (6/1).

HOTLINE 6/13/94

\*10 NEBRASKA: POLL HAS KERREY STILL IN DRIVER'S SEAT

An OMAHA WORLD-HERALD poll, conducted 6/5-7 by Gallup, surveyed 940 registered voters; margin of error +/- 3.5% (6/13). Tested: Sen. Bob Kerrey (D), businesswoman Jan Stoney (R).

	ALL	WOMEN	MEN	KERREY JOB
Kerrey	55%	57%	52%	Positive 59%
Stoney	37	33	41	Negative 35
DK/other	8	10	7	

ENTITLEMENTS: The biapartisan pres. commiss on entitlements will meet for the first time today. Kerrey chairs the commission; retiring Sen. John Danforth (R-MO) is the vice-chair. Meetings are scheduled throughout the summer and a final report of recommendations to the president is due 12/15. "Even if commission members can find consensus and make serious recommendations, a long fight lies ahead. Mr. Clinton would be in the politically unattractive position of having to push the commission's findings as he prepares to run for re-election in 1996. And Congress would have to agree to any change in benefits such as Social Security, which could create a political storm rivaling this year's battle over health care reform." Commission CoS Mark Weinberger: "Kerrey and Danforth have been strident that they will not create another Washington tome. We're looking at everything ... If we wait 10 years we will have to do something draconian" (Schwartz, Balto. SUN, 6/11). Kerrey, appearing on "Today": "The first objective is to get agreement that we've got a problem. ... Certainly we have to watch very carefully what's going on with the health care reform, and there's no question that health care is a very large piece of it. But the numbers show that even if we're able ... to keep the rate of growth of health care at the rate of inflation, we still have a problem. We will still see entitlements by the year 2003 consuming about 70% of the budget." Kerrey, on Social Security: "Certainly Social Security is on the table. ... The sooner we act, the less likely the current beneficiaries of Social Security are going to suffer" (NBC, 6/13).