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HENSLEY CALLS FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL INVESTIGATION OF DOLE FUND RAISING

(TOPEKA) -- Representative Anthony Hensley (D-Topeka) today asked Attorney General Robert Stephan to investigate whether or not Senator Bob Dole violated any Kansas laws by mailing fundraising letters to state employees at their state offices, and whether state employees' personnel information is being illegally provided by the Hayden administration.

Both of the Dole letters asked for money or pledges of money and were mailed to state employees at their state office addresses. One letter, marked urgent, seeks signed pledges of support to the Bob Dole campaign.

"It appears to me that the lists were provided to the Dole committee by someone in the Hayden administration," Hensley said. "I want to know how Dole's people got the mailing list and who gave it to them. I know that it wasn't a political list, and I know that the Hayden mailing list and the Dole mailing list came from the same place."

"It appears to me that Bob Dole and Mike Hayden have a list of state employees and they're going to be checking that list to see who gives and who doesn't. I wonder if the majority plans on checking their lists and then de-classifying more jobs during the next session?"

"I am also calling on my colleagues in the House of Representatives, especially Majority Leader Joe Knopp who was outspoken last fall with his calls for political conduct reform, to join me in finding out the truth. I can remember last fall when Mike Hayden talked about "cleaning up state government" with his code of ethics. It seems now that his brand of ethics is different than we were led to believe."

A copy of the letter to Attorney General Stephan is attached for your reference.

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For more information, contact Eddie McKechnie at (913) 296-7651.

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5. Does the use of state employee addresses by the Governor, in a way sponsored clearly by a partisan political party, followed by the subsequent solicitation of funds to the same mailing list, constitute direct or indirect efforts to compel state employees to "pay or promise to pay..." a "contribution, or to take part in.... political activities?"

It seems reasonable that a full and complete investigation by your office should occur in order for integrity to be restored to state government. I have attached copies of the mailings for your reference.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear General Stephan:

I have reason to believe that under the provision of KSA 75-2953 the possibility exists that Governor Mike Hayden has violated state law pertaining to the unlawful use of authority.

A state employee has given to me three separate mailings that he received at his state office. One is a clearly partisan political brochure called "Hayden Highlights". This self-proclaimed publication of the Kansas Republican Party is beyond the shadow of a doubt a partisan publication produced solely for the purpose of enhancing Mike Hayden's political career.

The second and third mailings were solicitations from Senator Bob Dole requesting this state employee to contribute to his campaign. In one of the letters, Senator Dole asked that the state employee sign a pledge of support for his presidential campaign.

1. How did Senator Dole obtain this list of state employees?
2. How did the Republican headquarters obtain this list of state employees?
3. Did any member of the Governor's staff open state personnel records for political purposes?
4. If, as the Governor's staff has publicly stated, the state office addresses will be deleted from the mailing lists and replaced with individuals' home addresses, will the Administration be in violation of statutes relating to the confidentiality of personnel records that protect state employees' rights to privacy?

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Dole regards OK on Bork barely 50-50

By John Marelius
Copley News Service



Sen. Robert Dole
...George Bush is trapped'

LOS ANGELES — Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole said Monday Robert Bork is barely an even-money bet to be confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court because of mounting liberal opposition.

"I think he's a little better than 50-50," the Kansas senator, an unofficial candidate for the 1988 Republican presidential nomination, said in an interview.

Dole criticized Senate Democrats for unnecessarily delaying Bork's confirmation hearings but also gently questioned President Reagan's wisdom in making such a controversial nomination in the first place.

"I think it's an excellent nomination, but if you look at the numbers, you look at confirmability, then you've got a tough fight on your hands," Dole said of Bork, a federal appellate court judge with a reputation of being a hard-line conservative. Asked if he would have nominated Bork if he had been president, Dole replied, "That's speculative."

Dole's comments on Bork's nomination are typical of what he characterizes as the "flexibility" he enjoys in selectively supporting and opposing the Reagan administration.

Dole observed that his chief rival for the GOP nomination, Vice President George Bush, is "stand-by equipment" and must blindly support the administration. If Bork succeeds retiring Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr., a moder-

ate, the balance of power on the high court could tilt to the right for years to come.

"I think the Democrats are stalling to give every group in the country the time to organize against him, which I think is a bit unfair," Dole said. "He's been confirmed by the Senate twice without opposition."

Polls show Dole gaining ground on Bush in recent months, and during the taping of an interview show on Los Angeles television station KCBS, Dole trumpeted both his loyalty to and differences with the Reagan administration.

"George Bush is trapped," Dole said Monday during the taping. "He's the vice president. He can't have a different view. His job is to be stand-by equipment and to support the president, whatever decision the president makes."

"On the other hand, I have the highest support score for President Reagan in the Senate, so I'm not running away from Ronald Reagan. I have more flexibility."