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## Republicans Change Convention Rules to Help Dole

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TOPEKA — Demonstrating

unity and purpose, Kansas Republicans adopted rules Saturday Oct. 31, for selecting 1988 national convention delegates who are ex-

pected to support Sen. Bob Dole for the party's presidential nomination. GOP National Committeeman

Jack Ranson of Wichita set the agenda quickly for about 300 Republicans attending the daylong meeting at the Ramada Inn Downtown.

"Our responsibility is to deliver 34 delegates for Robert Dole," Ranson said.

State chairman Fred Logan of Prairie Village echoed Ranson's challenge as he told GOP county chairmen, "You'll obviously want to organize Dole slates."

Logan said the rules ensure all Republican presidential candidates fair treatment in open conventions, but he conceded that some changes in past procedures were made to help Dole in his bid for the GOP nomination.

The major change was to move up the selection process to give Dole strong home-state support just before "Super Tuesday" — March 8 — when more than 20 states hold presidential primaries.

Kansas will select 15 of its 34 delegates at district conventions Feb. 20-21 and the remaining 19 at a state convention March 5. Normally, the final delegates would not be chosen until June.

Another major change is to require anyone wanting to be delegates to district and state conventions, where the national delegates are selected, to preregister and state their presidential preferences.

That advance notice will alert state party leaders who are supporting Dole to any challengers that might surface at local caucuses, where the delegate selection process begins.

John Petersen, co-chairman of Dole's campaign, told a Kansas group that the senator was "with- in striking distance of the nomination."

Vice-President George Bush is the front-runner, he said, but added that the race has narrowed to a two-man affair with Dole having momentum on his side.

"But this ain't no cakewalk. He is in the toughest political fight of his life," Petersen said.

Petersen urged Kansans who want to help Dole's campaign to write people in other states, telling them how Kansas supports the senator, to help staff the national telephone bank in Johnson

County and to turn out for Dole's presidential announcement Nov. 9 in Russell.

In other business, GOP Party treasurer Duane Nightingale of Topeka announced that the party has raised all but \$14,000 of its \$363,000 budget for 1987 and has more than \$84,000 in the bank, he said.

In addition, he said, \$20,000 has been raised for legislative races next year, and the party is prepared to buy a new computer to expand its headquarters.

District chairmen offered rosy outlooks for electing Republicans to Congress next year, even in the second and fourth districts, where there are Democratic incumbents.

"Anyone who thinks we can't defeat (Jim) Slattery in 1988 — they're wrong," said Second District Chairman Jim Cates of Topeka. Cates predicted that a strong candidate would step forward in about two weeks.

Later, when asked whether the candidate might be Jack Brier — the former secretary of state who ran for governor last year — Cates grinned, but refused to shed any more light on the candidate.

Brier did not attend the GOP meeting because of a commitment at The University of Kansas. However, in a telephone interview, he said he had not given a congressional race "a great deal of thought."

Harry Lytle of Wichita said Wichita lawyer Lee Thompson was gearing up to run against Democrat Dan Glickman in the Fourth District. If Republicans will refrain from supporting Glickman, Lytle said, a Republican congressman will once again represent the Fourth District.

At a luncheon meeting, Logan and the party's congressional delegation "roasted" Gov. Mike Hayden with good-natured ribbing. Rep. Pat Roberts served several of the better ribs, but rejected later when Sen. Paul "Bud" Burke of Leawood pointed out that Hayden will appoint the Senate replacement if Dole is elected president next year.

When it came his turn to respond, Hayden got a big laugh by asking the crowd to join in wishing Roberts a "long, long, long tenure in the House."



KENNY, LEFT, Norma Jean and Bob Dole are enjoying a day at one of their grandfather's farms near Russell. Kenny, evidently, has landed a jackrabbit. Note the native sandstone surrounding the well.

## The Dole Foundation

More than 22 million working-age Americans are currently disabled to some extent. Approximately 5 million of these people are able to work but are unemployed. Countless others are underemployed, capable of contributing much more to the work force when given the opportunity.

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The Dole Foundation is causing a significant and tangible effect on how the disabled can function in mainstream America.

As a national leader with a longstanding commitment to local community action, Sen. Dole invites you to join him in this worthwhile and much needed effort.

For more information about the work of the Dole Foundation, write or call:

The Dole Foundation, 220 Eye Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002, phones 202-543-5303 or 202-543-2808 (TDD), Sen. Bob Dole, Chairman.

Founded by U.S. Sen. Bob Dole, a disabled World War II veteran, the Dole Foundation's primary goal is to help put private dollars into local, community-level job training and career advancement training programs for persons with disabilities—either physical or mental. A national, nonprofit [501(c)(3)] organization, the Dole Foundation operates in three ways:

- It is a direct grantmaker to promising local programs.

—It is a conduit of information about such programs and their problem-solving approaches.

—It is an advocate for increased support for these deserving projects.

The foundation's work is unique, because it does not preempt or intrude upon organizations currently working with disabled people. Rather, it financially supports these activities, and through its advocacy programs, encourages even greater community support.

In the long run, everyone benefits from this approach.

Operating costs of the foundation are kept to a modest level through the donation of goods and services and the use of volunteers. In short, expertise and efficiency ensure the maximum use of the total amount of money received by the foundation; only 3.2 percent goes for management and administration, 12.1 percent is used for fund-raising and communications and the grants program receives 84.7 percent for the employment of disabled people.

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The Washington-based Dole Foundation can be traced to Sen. Bob Dole's roots in Russell, Kan. Inspired by his friends and neighbors, who chipped in to help with his medical bills when he returned from the Army to Western Kansas in 1947, Dole started the foundation four years ago.

Beginning in the fall of 1983, the foundation since has awarded grants to non-profit groups submitting proposals that create jobs for disabled persons. It seeks to create 50,000 new jobs by 1995.

Twenty million dollars is required for the first five years. Dole spends as much time as he can raising money for the foundation.

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APPLETON, Wis. — Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole (R-Kan.) said Thursday there is "a lot of skepticism" among Central American leaders that Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega will abide by a regional peace plan.

Ortega and four other presidents of Central American countries signed the agreement Aug. 7.

Under the plan, Ortega is supposed to restore civil rights and freedom of the press and to release political prisoners, among other steps toward more democracy, Dole said.

"He doesn't want to give up the power," Dole said. "It's pretty hard for a Marxist communist to give up the power."

Dole, a candidate for the 1988 Republican presidential nomination, spoke at a news conference before a rally of about 500 supporters at Country Aire Hall.

Dole's speech focused largely on his background as a wounded World War II veteran and youthful World War II veteran and youthful county prosecutor in Russell, Kan., and had the audience absolutely still, apparently spellbound.

Dole will speak at a campaign breakfast at 7:45 a.m. Friday at the War Memorial Center in Milwaukee.

Dole returned Monday from a trip to Central America, where he engaged in a vigorous face-to-face debate with Ortega.

At the news conference, Dole said, "I think the biggest stumbling block in Central America is Daniel Ortega."

"And I don't think he has much support anywhere in Central

America. He certainly doesn't have any in his own country. He has more in this country."

If Ortega ignores the Aug. 7 peace plan, Congress should restore U.S. funding for the Nicaraguan contra rebels, Dole said.

He said he was uncertain whether Congress would approve the funding.

"I don't think we want the record to show that we let people who wanted freedom go down the drain," he said.

Dole also spent a few minutes chatting with Ralph Ott, 70, a retired teacher from New London. Dole and Ott spent 18 months together at a veterans hospital in Battle Creek, Mich., recovering from combat wounds they suffered in World War II — Dole in Italy and Ott in Czechoslovakia.

Ott said Dole has visited him a few times in the 40 years since then — the latest time in 1976, when Dole was the Republican nominee for vice-president.


Dole also said the United States

would not retreat from the Persian Gulf, where U.S. Navy ships are escorting oil tankers.

If Iran does not agree to a United Nations ceasefire, the U.N. should take further sanctions against Iran, he said. Dole said if he were president now, he would halt U.S. imports of Iranian oil, now running at the rate of \$1 billion a year.

Dole said he did not think Gary Hart would re-enter the race for the Democratic presidential

nomination, but declined to comment further on Hart.

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