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Dole seen as hardest to beat; supporters visit N. Hampshire

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Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas, speaking at Democratic Washington Day activities in Wichita over the weekend, said he thinks Sen. Bob Dole should select "a good, progressive Republican governor" for a running mate if he wins the GOP presidential nomination.

Clinton said Kansas' senior U.S. senator "would be the hardest guy for Democrats to beat right now, especially with the right kind of running mate."

"A good Republican governor, a progressive governor like Tom Keane of New Jersey, or Lamar Alexander, the former governor of Tennessee, would be, I believe, a very formidable ticket," he said.

"Republicans don't need a Southerner," he said, "but Democrats probably have to have a Southerner just because of the political math involved."

"Historically we don't win the presidential election unless we get more than half the electoral votes from the South," said Clinton, an articulate Democratic governor who was obviously well studied on the political equations of both parties in the presidential race.

"The only way we could win without the South is if we carried the Northeastern United States, swept the Midwest and carried California, and we've never been able to do that, he said."

Katny Peterson, Gov. Mike Hayden's press secretary, said Keane is well respected by his gubernatorial colleagues in both parties. He "is very dynamic and is considered a leader, especially in the field of education," she said.

She said Alexander also had won respect when he was governor of Tennessee.

Peterson returned to Kansas late Sunday after she and approximately 20 other Kansans went to New Hampshire over the weekend to help campaign for Dole.

Mark Skinner, another member of the "Dole patrol" who went to New Hampshire, ended up in the hospital there. Skinner, a Topeka resident, is administrative assistant to House Speaker Jim Braden, R-Clay Center.

Braden announced to the House on Monday that Skinner suffered a kidney hemorrhage. He said he expected Skinner to be released from the hospital Monday and to return Monday or Tuesday.

Two other members of Hayden's staff, executive assistant Sue Peterson and appointments secretary Sue Bauman, also ventured to New Hampshire to help Dole.

Nancy Zogelman, administrative assistant to Senate Majority Leader Bud Burke, R-Leawood, also made the trip to New Hampshire along with Brent Anderson, an assistant to Secretary of State Bill Graves.

Katny Peterson said the governor's staff members made the trip "entirely on our own hook," and said, "heavens no," when asked whether the governor had asked them to make the trek to New Hampshire.

She said an incident Saturday afternoon at a shopping mall in New

Hampshire that generated stories nationwide about Dole being heckled by supporters of Vice President George Bush appeared to be a reflection of fears that Dole would beat Bush in today's New Hampshire primary.

She said the large group of mostly young Bush supporters at the shopping mall were shouting Bush slogans and attempting to get their posters televised by the large number of media people who followed Dole to the mall.

She said the Bush supporters were overzealous but did not attempt to prevent Dole from campaigning, or threaten him or any of those traveling with him with their Bush posters.

Peterson said Dole supporters in New Hampshire "were flabbergasted to see a bunch of Kansans there campaigning for him. I mean, the people in Iowa rather expected us to show up in large numbers for the caucuses in that state, but they weren't looking for us half way across the country."

She said the group had to take a train from Washington to New Hampshire because of heavy snow this weekend that kept most of the candidates from campaigning temporarily.

Peterson said the group manned telephone banks in Dole's headquarters in New Hampshire and helped organize the Dole demonstration at

the mall.

In addition to the Hayden staff members and other state workers who went to New Hampshire, the group of Kansans included Pat Hubbell, lobbyist for the Kansas Association of Railroaders; Jon Josenand, a lobbyist for the University of Kansas; Louis Armstrong of Ft. Scott; Susie Harmon and Judy Kay of Dole's staff in Topeka; Mary Alice Lair of Piqua, the state Republican vice chairwoman; June Cooper of Garnett, a GOP county official; Tish Concannon Rogers of Russell; and Carol Allen, wife of state Sen. Jim Allen, R-Ottawa.

Clinton said former television evangelist Pat Robertson, who made a surprise second-place finish behind Dole in the Iowa caucuses, is the Republican candidate to watch.

He said Robertson may be able to enjoy "the best of both worlds" during the Super Tuesday primaries and caucuses that will be conducted March 8 in 14 Southern and seven non-Southern states.

He noted that the primaries in eight of the 14 Southern states are open, meaning voters do not have to be registered as Republicans or Democrats to cast ballots. Clinton said analysts should watch those eight states, especially five of the eight that are holding local elections on the same day, to see how the Republican and Democratic results differ in the five states with open primaries and local elections.

He said the local elections will bring out a bigger-than-normal vote in the five states, which are heavily Democratic. Evangelical Christians, he said, will be able to cross over and vote for Robertson for the Republican presidential nomination, and then revert to Democratic voting habits to cast ballots for their friends seeking local office.

Clinton said Robertson would be the easiest of the Republican presidential contenders for a Democratic nominee to defeat in November, primarily because of his religious background and the fervor of his supporters.

But the soft-spoken, 41-year-old Democrat governor also described Robertson as a good street fighter and a clever politician who "didn't just get off the boat." He noted that Robertson ads are attempting to moderate the image of the former TV preacher.

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Bush, Dukakis win in New Hampshire

Dole, Gephardt take second places

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Vice President George Bush powered past Sen. Bob Dole in New Hampshire's kickoff presidential primary Tuesday and reclaimed momentum in the Republican race for the White House. Michael Dukakis won impressively in a Democratic contest for supremacy and survival.

"Reports of my death were greatly exaggerated," rejoiced Bush as he rebounded from a third-place finish in last week's Iowa caucuses. He was winning 38 percent of the GOP vote to 29 percent for Dole.

Rep. Jack Kemp was narrowly defeating Pete du Pont and Pat Robertson in the third-place competition to emerge as a conservative alternative to the front-runners. But the group was clumped far behind Bush and Dole.

Dukakis was winning 36 percent of the vote and said his showing would "give us a very, very strong boost" going into the delegaterich Southern primaries ahead. In distant second place was Richard Gephardt, 20 percent, with Sen. Paul Simon at 17 percent.

"I love New Hampshire," the Missouri congressman said. But Simon, a narrow second-place to Gephardt in Iowa, conceded nothing.

Jesse Jackson, one of the also rans, said he was talking with Bruce Babbitt about gaining an endorsement if the former Arizona governor quits the race. Babbitt defeated only Gary Hart at the end of the Democratic pack.

Dukakis told his supporters, "Ten months ago we launched a campaign for the future of America, a campaign for good jobs and real opportunity for every citizen... a campaign to get our fiscal house in order."

The effort earned him a bronze medal in Iowa, he said, and in next-door New Hampshire. "We went for the gold and we won it."

CBS, reporting on the basis of interviews with voters leaving their polling places, said Bush was helped considerably by President Reagan's popularity in the Granite State. Other pollsters concurred, and said Dukakis was helped by his long tenure as governor of a neighboring state.

With 85 percent of the precincts reporting in the Democratic race, Dukakis led for 9 Democratic convention delegates, Gephardt 6 and Simon 3. That would raise the national totals to 44.50 for Dukakis, 39 for Gephardt, and 33 for Simon. In all, 2,082 delegates are needed to win the Democratic presidential nomination.

In the raw vote, it was:
Dukakis, 37,776 votes, or 36 percent.
Gephardt, 20,304 or 20 percent.
Simon had 17,846 or 17 percent.

Jackson and Sen. Albert Gore Jr. were denied the boost they sought as the primary campaign moves to their native South, trailing with 8 percent and 7 percent of the vote.

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Vice President George Bush, confident Tuesday morning, came out of the New Hampshire primary with a badly needed win.

Bush, Dole may face long struggle for nomination

By The New York Times

CONCORD, N.H. — Vice President George Bush saved his political skin by winning the New Hampshire primary Tuesday night and set up what seems likely to be a prolonged struggle with Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas for the 1988 Republican presidential nomination.

For Bush, the prize was credibility; a loss would have enabled his rivals to cast doubt on his ability to win anywhere. He showed nothing like the vote-getting power that he once seemed likely to show here, and Dole did well in a state where he had been the clear underdog until a week ago. But any victory in this context was sweet for the vice president and enough to keep Dole from front-runner status.

Bush holds a slight advantage as the Republican field — reduced here by three candidates, effectively if not officially — moves into the second phase of the campaign, which is concentrated in the South. He has stalled the momentum with which Dole emerged from Iowa last week.

That should make his superior campaign organizations count for somewhat more on what politicians are calling Super Tuesday, March 8, when 17 states, 14 of them Southern and border states, hold Republican primaries or caucuses.

In addition, the vice president demonstrated that he has established a more conservative image than his main rival, which should prove an advantage in the South. A New York Times-CBS News Poll of voters leaving the polls in New Hampshire showed Bush the clear winner among self-identified conservatives, with Dole doing better with moderates and independents.

But a major roadblock faces the vice president in South Carolina on March 5, the Saturday before Super Tuesday, in the person of Pat Robertson, the former evangelist and Christian broadcaster. Robertson finished far behind in New Hampshire, with no organization to speak of and only a tiny pool of evangelical Christians to draw upon. But he has invested heavily in South Carolina, and politicians there give him a real chance of carrying the state.

That, in turn, could help Robertson — and hurt Bush — in the voting 72 hours later in such demographically similar states as Louisiana, Georgia, Mississippi and North Carolina. In all of those states and others such as Oklahoma and Kentucky, which also vote on March 8, the Robertson forces have registered thousands of new Republican voters in recent months.

Dole will have opportunities to show his strength next Tuesday in the South Dakota caucuses and the Minnesota primary. The results in those two states also will help shape the political environment for Super Tuesday, as will the Maine caucuses, scheduled for Feb. 26-28. Bush, who has a summer house there, is

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Democratic results

- Michael Dukakis, 37,776 — 36 percent
- Richard Gephardt, 20,304 — 20 percent
- Paul Simon, 17,846 — 17 percent
- Jesse Jackson, 8,498 — 8 percent
- Albert Gore, 7,287 — 7 percent
- Bruce Babbitt, 5,088 — 5 percent
- Gary Hart, 4,121 — 4 percent
- Other, 2,637 — 3 percent

* 95 percent of precincts reporting

Republican results

- George Bush, 51,314 — 38 percent
- Bob Dole, 39,058 — 29 percent
- Jack Kemp, 17,356 — 13 percent
- Pete du Pont, 13,747 — 10 percent
- Pat Robertson, 12,929 — 10 percent
- Other, 487 — 0 percent
- Al Haig, 421 — 0 percent

* 96 percent of precincts reporting