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Dole acts more and more like candidate

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WASHINGTON — With a flourish that only a master politician like Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole can muster, the Senate recently found itself halting debate on aid for Kurdish refugees to get Dole's assurances that aid for Kansas tornado victims was on its way.

"I'm all for Kurdish relief, but I'm also for Kansas relief," Dole announced afterward in a news release. "Thanks to the cooperation of my colleagues and the administration, everyone is getting what they need and deserve."

And, one might add, so is Bob Dole's 1992 campaign for re-election.

Late last year, rumors flew that a weary Dole, frustrated by the budget imbroglio, was grumbling about retirement after 24 years in the Senate. "I don't know, I'm going to be taking a look at it," Dole said repeatedly when asked about a re-election bid.

But although the 67-year-old Republican still insists he hasn't made up his mind, the talk in political circles is that Dole has done everything but cut the ribbon at campaign headquarters.

Three major fund-raisers this spring have boosted his campaign fund to almost \$2 million. His schedule of speeches, parades and conferences in the state included three round-trip flights between Washington and Kansas in just one six-day stretch in April.

And his high-profile championing of causes near to Kansans' hearts, from grain credits for the Soviets to jobs for Kansans in Kuwait, has helped make Dole look very much like a 1992 candidate.

"I'd say the chances of Dole running look like 88 or 89 percent," said Bill Taggart, former Dole aide and Washington lobbyist.

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Kansas Republicans, watching the Dole barnstorming, concur.

"Trying to stop a Dole campaign now would be like standing in front of an M-1 tank," one Kansas Republican said. "Maybe Dan (Glickman) ought to think twice before printing up those Senate bumper stickers."

The specter of a challenge from Glickman, the energetic Democratic House member from Wichita, may have helped Dole focus on re-election. Glickman, who has made his own fund-raising forays to San Francisco and New York this spring, says he'll decide "soon enough" about challenging Dole.

"I'm hearing a lot of interest from people about financial support, but of course, nobody is better at raising Washington money than Bob Dole," said Glickman, who estimates his own campaign fund at \$300,000. "Meanwhile, I'm pursuing my agenda, and he is pursuing his."

Aides to Dole, who says he'll make a decision by Labor Day, insist Glickman has little to do with the recent performance by Dole.

"What you're seeing is a very savvy senator, a guy who knows the realities and responsibilities he has," said Walt Riker, Dole's press secretary. "He's not doing anything unusual, but of course, he is covering all the bases. He knows if he is going to run, he is going to have to be ready."

But Dole never misses a chance to publicly tweak Glickman. For instance, asked last week if he backed Glickman's bill to turn the Z-Bar Ranch into a national park, Dole said he hadn't looked at it. "I've been worried more about the tornado damage and helping the victims," Dole said. "There are a lot of national parks floating around. It's not a big deal."

The political outlook in the Senate may also have something to do with Dole's renewed enthusiasm for a re-election campaign. Dole scored an important victory for the administration this winter when the Senate narrowly approved the president's request for use of force in the Persian Gulf. And with the president's popularity soaring, there is also an improved chance that Republicans could rebuild their majority in the Senate and Dole could regain his majority leader title.

"It's not that I don't like what I'm doing. I'd just like it more as majority leader," Dole told a National Association of Manufacturers meeting recently.

When Dole does open a campaign, he'll have plenty of cash on hand. In the past two weeks, Dole raised more than \$700,000 at fund-raisers in Washington and New York. His 1992 committee, which started the year with \$400,000, also raised another \$300,000 at a Washington event in April.

In addition, Dole has \$980,776 left from his 1986 campaign — money that earned \$60,000 in interest from accounts at Bank IV in Wichita and Riggs National Bank in Washington, D.C., last year alone. That money is available for the 1992 campaign, although Dole aide Riker said a portion may be needed to settle a debt with the Federal Election Committee left from Dole's 1988 presidential bid.

The frenzy of fund-raising could certainly point to a Dole campaign — and to efforts to scare off any contenders with the size of his war chest. Dole told reporters recently that he didn't feel bad asking political action committees for money, even if he still is undecided.

"I told them if I didn't run, we'd give it to the Red Cross," Dole said.

Dole's wife, Elizabeth, is president of the American Red Cross.

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Dole likes Hayden's chances

Senate panels to vote in early June

By The Associated Press

U.S. Senate panels probably will vote early next month on the nomination of former Kansas Gov. Mike Hayden to a top job in the Interior Department, Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said Friday.

Dole foresees no problems in the Senate to prevent Hayden's confirmation.

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Hayden appeared at a hearing this week before the Senate Environment Committee, but no vote was taken. Hayden still must testify before the Senate Energy Committee.

"It's not in any difficulty," Dole said of Hayden's nomination.

He said scheduling conflicts with senators prevented the Energy Committee from considering Hayden's nomination. He predicted action would occur when the Senate returned from a Memorial Day recess.

If confirmed, Hayden would oversee the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Hayden, a Republican, was nominated by President Bush last month.

Dole's comments came in a telephone news conference with Kansas broadcasters and newspapers.

On other issues, Dole said:

■ He continued to expect the Bush administration to provide additional agricultural export credits to the Soviet Union to buy U.S. grain. The Soviets have asked for \$1.5 billion in credits, but Dole said it was doubtful that the administration would approve the full amount.

The Senate has approved a non-binding resolution urging the administration to extend the grain credits to the Soviets, but Dole said the House might not vote on a resolution. Instead, members of the House Agriculture Committee are considering sending a letter to the administration expressing support for the Soviet grain credits.



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■ The future of Fort Riley remains secure despite Pentagon plans to deactivate a brigade of the 1st Infantry Division based in Germany. The division, known as the Big Red One, has its headquarters at Fort Riley.

Dole said it was possible that about 500-600 troops from other units in Europe might be sent to Fort Riley as part of planned military cutbacks.

Dole said the retirement of the European-based brigade of the First Infantry Division "doesn't mean a lack of commitment to keep Fort Riley open and viable."

On a related matter, Dole raised questions about a proposal by Manhattan and Junction City leaders to extend the runway of the Manhattan airport so it could be used for future deployments of the 1st Infantry Division. The troops flew out of Topeka when they were shipped to the Persian Gulf War.

Dole said "it's going to be pretty difficult" to get the \$40 million to \$45 million needed for the airport project. He has not made a formal request to Congress for any money.

Page 2—The Russell Daily News, Tuesday, May 28, 1991

Dole Offers 'Front Page Test'

WASHINGTON — In its recent report on the so-called "Keating Five," the Senate Ethics Committee emphasized the need to establish clear-cut rules on congressional contacts with federal agencies.

As a follow-up to the Ethics Committee's recommendation, the distinguished Majority Leader and I have appointed a bipartisan task force on constituent service.

The task force — which is chaired by Sens. (Wendell) Ford

and (Ted) Stevens — will offer some suggested guidelines later this year.

In the meantime, I thought it was important to offer this amendment, which addresses the congressional-contacts issue by proposing something-called the "Front-Page" test.

This test — which is part of the Republican campaign-finance reform package — emphasizes the disclosure of congressional contacts, not their outright prohibition.

In a nutshell, the front-page test would require federal agencies to keep a monthly list of all unwritten congressional contacts concerning 1) potential or ongoing enforcement matters and 2) proceedings related to the award of agency contracts.

These lists would specify the source of the contact, and any information or actions requested.

The lists would then be forwarded to the appropriate congressional committee for publication in the Congressional Record on a semi-annual basis.

The front-page test would also require federal agencies to incorporate — into the appropriate public file — all letters and other written congressional communications on enforcement matters and agency contracts.

Again, this is a disclosure requirement, not an outright ban.

As I've said before, members of Congress should continue to go to bat on behalf of their constituents.

That's our job, and frankly, that's what the public expects.

But if we're not willing to read about an intervention on the front page of the newspaper, then we ought to think twice about making that phone call or writing that letter.

Some of my colleagues may be wondering why I am offering this amendment.

Well, the reason is simple. Constituent service is — under any standard — a campaign-finance issue.

The American people want to know whether the Keating-style quid pro quo is the rule of the campaign-finance game, or the exception.

And they want to know whether "Big-Money" campaign contributors get special treatment when it comes to congressional help with a pesky federal regulator.

No campaign-finance proposal can legitimately bear the name "reform" if it does not offer a solution to the perceived abuses that masquerade under the heading "constituent service."

The front-page test may not be the perfect solution, but it's a solution that's simple enough, and comprehensive enough, to guarantee public accountability of the public's elected representatives.

Pratt, Topeka out of running for plant

McDonnell Douglas removes Kansas sites from list, Dole says

By Ray Hemman

The Hutchinson News

Pratt and Topeka apparently are out of the running for a McDonnell Douglas Corp. aircraft plant, Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., said Friday.

During his weekly telephone press conference with Kansas media, Dole said that McDonnell Douglas had removed the Kansas sites from its list of potential sites for a plant to construct the company's new MD-12 airplane.

"There's a number of reasons for that, some I'd just as soon not go into," Dole said. "They might think I was being critical of

somebody else in government. We haven't given up. We didn't make the cut this time around, but we're going to continue to try to work with them. We had Pratt, we had Topeka, there might have been a third possibility.

"The bottom line is the state couldn't come up with enough of a package to provide any incentives. And whether we like it or not, when these companies move into a state and into a community, they expect to get a pretty good economic package. They (McDonnell Douglas) felt in this case there just wasn't any



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thing offered, anything significant. So they bowed out of Kansas. It doesn't mean it's the end; it's just the end of this round."

Earlier this year, Dole had written to McDonnell Douglas, encouraging the airplane maker to consider a World War II Army Air Force Base at Pratt for its MD-12 plant. McDonnell Douglas has said it is looking outside of California, its current base for commercial aircraft, for a site to construct a manufacturing plant.

Industry officials familiar with the MD-12 project, however, have said that McDonnell Douglas will want a 10,000-foot runway.

Forbes Field, meanwhile, has a 13,000-foot northwest-southeast runway with a second 8,000-foot runway that runs from northeast to southwest. The runways are 200 feet wide and can handle any

weight of plane.

Also during Friday's press conference, Dole said efforts in the House to pass a resolution supporting grain export credit to the Soviets may founder. Dole pushed a resolution through the Senate earlier this month that urged the Bush administration to make \$1.5 billion worth of grain credits available to the Soviets.

The resolution also further defined the intent of Congress when it included language in the 1990 farm bill that required beneficiaries of export credit to be "credit worthy."

"I talked with (Agriculture) Secretary (Ed) Madigan about 20 minutes ago," Dole said. "I think they are finding out in the House how difficult it is to pass a resolution urging the president to go forward with export credit guar-

antees to the Soviet Union. What may be in the offing now on the House side is a letter signed by all the members on the Agriculture Committee. That would not be as good as a resolution because it would not be the entire House speaking, but it would be helpful to the administration."

Dole also said the U.S. Senate panels probably will vote early next month on the nomination of former Kansas Gov. Mike Hayden to a top job in the Interior Department.

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Dole urges Justice Department to end Iran-Contra investigation

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole on Wednesday called for dismissal of Iran-Contra prosecutors, saying history and not the courts should be the final judge of the scandal.

Dole urged Attorney General Dick

Thornburgh to invoke a provision of the special prosecutor law to seek dismissal of independent counsel Lawrence E. Walsh, who has been investigating the Iran-Contra affair since late 1986.

Walsh is considering bringing criminal charges against current and former government officials, notably Donald Gregg, ambassador to South Korea, sources say.

Gregg was national security adviser to then-Vice President George Bush. He is under investigation for allegedly lying to Congress about when he learned about efforts to help the Nicaraguan rebels.

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