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Dole Re-Election Plans Still Up in Air

By TOM GREEN
The Wichita Eagle

As the election years of 1992 began, there was still no word from Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole on whether he would seek re-election to a fifth term in the Senate.

During a visit to Wichita on Dec. 11, Dole said he expected to make up his mind by the end of the year.

But on the final day of 1991, a Dole spokesman said he didn't know when Dole would announce his political plans.

"There's no timetable that I know of to do it tomorrow or next week or whenever," said Walt

Riker, Dole's spokesman. "We'll just wait to hear."

Riker would not comment specifically on whether Dole's recent operation to remove a cancerous prostate gland would play a role in his decision.

"As he said all along, there would be many factors," said Riker. "He talked about the prospects for Republicans in the Senate, about wanting to be majority leader again. He's looking at his own life and future. Those are factors he is still considering. I wouldn't rule anything out or in."

Dole returned to work this week, spending about three hours in his office Monday and about

four hours Tuesday, Riker said. Dole was released from the hospital Friday. Dole's doctors said the surgery was successful.

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Dole backs Bush faithfully

No other shows greater support

By The Associated Press

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Page 2—The Russell Daily News, Thursday, Jan. 2, 1992

Hope for Dole

Now, maybe Kansans know why Sen. Bob Dole has been slow in announcing whether he will seek another six-year term in the United States Senate. Perhaps he was worried about medical problems.

If so, the experts say those problems may be behind him soon. His surgery to remove a cancerous prostate gland is over, and apparently it was successful.

Most Kansans, who know just how important this man is to the nation as well as the state, now hope he will be able to seek re-election.

Dole, who is now 68, has been under

considerable pressure to run again. Even Nancy Kassebaum, the other U.S. senator from Kansas, has been strong in pushing him.

Normally, one would question whether these supporters of Dole should be urging a man of his age to seek another six-year term. But he isn't an ordinary man; he works all the time.

Just before going under the knife, the senator was giving orders for his staff members. He and they are viewed in Washington as the hardest working congressional office there.

We hope that can continue. —

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Dole top backer of Bush's policies in Senate

By BARRY MASSEY
The Associated Press

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Backing Bush

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Rep. Jan Meyers, R	68 percent
Rep. Dan Glickman, D	35 percent
Rep. Dick Nichols, R	77 percent

the best yardsticks of trends in the relationship between the White House and Congress.

Overall, the study found Bush had a slight increase in voting support on Capitol Hill. Bush won 54 percent of the votes in the House and Senate on which he took a position in 1991, up from 47 percent in 1990.

Bush did far better in the Senate, winning 69 percent of the time.

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House Democrats, on average, supported Bush 34 percent of the time in 1990, com-

pared with 72 percent for House Republicans. Senate Republicans had an average presidential support score of 83 percent in 1991, compared with 41 percent for Democrats.

According to the study, Dole and Kassebaum showed strongly differing voting patterns in party unity in 1991. Dole reinforced his reputation as a staunch party loyalist, and Kassebaum exhibited a streak of independence.

Dole voted with a GOP majority against the Democratic majority 93 percent of the time. Only eight GOP senators had higher scores; four were tied with Dole.

Kassebaum voted against the GOP majority 30 percent of the time on party-line votes.

Nichols also stood out in the study, but for a different reason. He was among two dozen GOP House members to vote 100 percent of the time in 1991 with the so-called conservative coalition, a voting bloc of Republicans and southern Democrats.

THE WICHITA EAGLE Friday, January 17, 1992

Dole conspicuous by his absence today at Beech

Senator remains quiet about political plans

By Angelia Herrin
Eagle Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — As speculation continues to build about his political plans for 1992, Sen. Bob Dole remains silent.

The Russell Republican canceled a planned speech at Beech Aircraft Corp. in Wichita today, an invitation that was accepted last month, before he underwent surgery for prostate cancer.

"There's nothing to read into this: Basically he is under doctors' orders to take it easy as he continues a normal recovery from surgery," Dole aide Walt Riker said Thursday. "He's making excellent progress. The doctors told him not to go full-tilt yet — and that's a hard order for him to follow."

Dole was hospitalized Dec. 18 for removal of a slow-growing cancer of the prostate gland. Doctors said Dole's chances for a complete recovery were

excellent and did not recommend further treatment.

Dole returned to his Senate minority leader's office Dec. 30, and has been working as much as seven hours a day, Riker said, including regular meetings with White House and Senate officials on the budget.

However, in the past month, the 68-year-old Kansan has not given any interviews or made any political appearances. He was to appear in Wichita today to mark the delivery of the first T-1A Jayhawk, the centerpiece of the Air Force's Tanker, Transport, Training System, which Dole fought for in the Senate.

Because Dole has yet to announce any decision about whether he will run for a fifth term this year, there is widespread interest in what the senior senator from Kansas will say when he does speak.

A number of Republicans have speculated that Dole will appear at the Jan. 25 Kansas Day gathering of Republicans in Topeka to announce a re-election bid.

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Dole Urges Quick Senate Action

"Congress has one simple assignment," a recuperating Sen. Bob Dole said on the Senate floor Tuesday, "to do something and to it quickly for a change."

The Senate Minority leader from Russell was back in fine form. Earlier Tuesday, Dole joked with reporters about his recovery from prostate surgery. Noted for his long office hours and tight travel schedules, he said that he was taking it easy. "They've got to work harder," he said, concerning his office staff.

"I'm still a little weak," he admitted, "but getting better." He said that the doctors had advised him "don't do anything for six to eight weeks" after the surgery, but he said the doctors considered his recovery "extremely good."

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"I'm going to be here every day. But no early-morning meetings for a while or no late nights — sort of a daylight warrior."

Dole, 68, underwent surgery to treat prostate cancer last month and was released from the hospital after Christmas. He said that he won't require further treatment and that his doctors found the cancer hadn't spread.

"It's over," he said. "I'm feeling good, I think we got it all."

Asked why he came back to work so soon, Dole said, "We have a little apartment. You get a tired of sitting around there. I needed to make a lot of phone calls."

Dole had been alerted to the possible prostate problem in August after a blood test. After more tests, a biopsy in November

confirmed that there was a tumor.

Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers in men and Dole said he hoped his example of early detection and treatment could serve to alert men to be on the lookout.

The senator continued to delay an answer on whether he would seek re-election this year. Asked when an announcement could be expected, he said, "Fairly soon. I don't know. I really haven't focused on that for the last few weeks."

THE WICHITA EAGLE Wednesday, January 22, 1992

Dole says he'll announce political plans soon

By Angelia Herrin
Eagle Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — Sen. Bob Dole said Tuesday that he was feeling good following surgery for prostate cancer last month but would follow doctor's orders and cut back his meeting and travel schedule over the next few weeks.

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ting better. It's over. I think we got it all."

Doctors have assured him that the cancer had not spread, Dole said, and he does not expect further treatment.

A blood test in August, during his annual physical exam, first signaled doctors that he might have a prostate problem, Dole said. But it wasn't until November that a biopsy confirmed there was a tumor.

"It was all sort of sudden. ... I hadn't planned on having surgery during the recess," he said.

Dole, 68, said the uncertainty sur-

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rounding his test results contributed to his reluctance to "jump in the fray" and announce whether he will

seek re-election this year. That announcement, he said Tuesday, will come fairly soon.

"I really haven't focused on that for the last few weeks," Dole said. "Right now, I'm trying to decide on going to Kansas Day ... I'm going to listen to my doctors."

Many political observers thought Dole would arrive in Topeka this weekend for activities surrounding Kansas Day, the annual gathering of state Republicans, to kick off his bid for a fifth Senate term. However, Dole canceled a long-planned speech

in Wichita last weekend and has warned GOP organizers that he might not make the Topeka trip.

Dole says he has been talking to officials from the American Cancer Society and other health groups about how he can launch a campaign to inform men about the importance of the early warning signs of prostate cancer and about treatment of the disease.

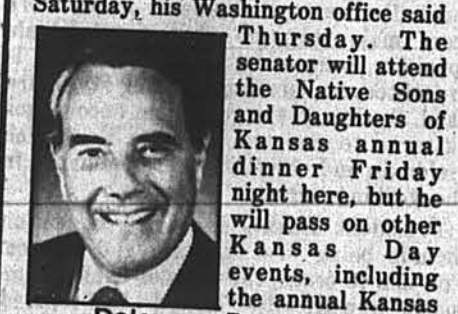
"I hope I can do something to alert other men to be on the outlook and catch this with the new tests they have," Dole said.



Dole Might not attend Kansas Day festivities this weekend.

Hutchinson News Friday, Jan. 24, 1992

Sen. Bob Dole will fly to Kansas today for three events, then return to Washington without attending Republicans' Kansas Day activities Saturday, his Washington office said Thursday.



The senator will attend the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas annual dinner Friday night here, but he will pass on other Kansas Day events, including the annual Kansas Day dinner Saturday night at which actor Charlton Heston is the speaker. "This is what he can handle in his recovery schedule," said Walt Riker, the senator's press secretary. "It's hard to keep Sen. Dole down." Dole, 68, underwent prostate surgery Dec. 18 and has been on a limited schedule. However, Riker said Dole was back working a normal schedule in the Senate.