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Dole says Democrats to blame for scandals

By BARBARA JOSEPH
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Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., responded to the House banking scandal Friday by criticizing the long-time Democratic majority in that chamber and calling for a change of parties.

"The Democrats have been in charge of the House for 37 years," he said.

"There's been no competition. Everything's based on patronage. It's not based on ability."

Dole made his comments to Kansas reporters in his weekly news teleconference.

The Senate minority leader reiterated that the Senate didn't have a bank and indeed passed a resolution Thursday never to open a bank. He said three liberal Democratic senators in 1985 had tried unsuccessfully to establish a bank similar to the one now defunct in the House.

Dole called the banking scandal "just another nail in the coffin."

"The House has been plagued with big restaurant bills, now the House bank scandal," he said. "Who knows what may be next?"

Dole said he didn't think the Senate was being self-righteous in its criticism of the House.

"The Senate didn't do anything," he said. "Nobody here is writing bad checks."

He bristled at the suggestion the House scandal might be an opportunity for the Senate to examine its own administration and privileges, saying he didn't see the connection between Senate privileges and the House scandal.

Dole also was critical of an idea by some House members, two of them Kansas Democrats, to create a House administrator to oversee matters in that body.

"I think one of the worst ideas I've heard," he said. "Some members of the House are trying to set up another layer of bureaucracy. They're trying to get an administrator of the House to cover up all these scandals."

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Dole seeks loophole for harvest

WASHINGTON (HNS) — The Federal Highway Administration will propose rules changes Monday that should give custom grain harvesters relief from commercial-driver's-license regulations.

Effective April 1, drivers of most large trucks and buses will be required to have a commercial driver's license.

The license will replace the chauffeur's licenses now issued by states, and it requires that drivers pass a written examination.

Congress had attempted to exempt custom harvesters from the regulations. The bill approved last year, however, apparently did not correct the problem, said Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., during his weekly telephone news conference with Kansas journalists.

"We've been working," he said. "We've passed this bill three or four times in the Senate, and it always dies in the House of Representatives. ... So we've gone the other route. We've appealed to the Department of Transportation."

"On Monday, the Federal Highway Administration will propose a limited waiver for seasonal employees employed in farming or agriculture, including custom harvesters, farm retail outlets and suppliers, fertilizer suppliers and livestock feeders."

"Now the waivers are going to be issued by the states at their option. It would be in the form of a restricted commercial driver's license. It gets pretty complicated, but the point is there is going to be some relief."

Custom harvesters have maintained that the commercial driver's license might force some out of business. The seasonal nature of custom cutting requires most cutters to use temporary employees such as college students who may not be able to get a commercial driver's license immediately.

On an international matter, Dole said former President Richard Nixon was correct in chastising the

Bush administration for not doing more to help republics of the former Soviet Union.

"I think former President Nixon is right on target," Dole said. "We've got an opportunity here with 250 million people to establish democracy. Now, it's not going to be perfect. There's going to be a lot of problems along the way, but my view is we have to take a risk for peace."

"I think it's a shortsighted view to say no to the former Soviet Union republics. Even though I know we have problems at home, if we are looking down the road five or 10 years and concerned about our young men and women, then we'll have to make an investment in what we hope will be a permanent democracy in the former Soviet Union."

In the short term, if the former Soviet republics are found to be creditworthy, it may mean some good sales of grain — primarily wheat.

Dole joins effort to limit out-of-state trash dumping

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Midwestern and border state senators are trying to give local governments the power to restrict dumping of out-of-state trash at landfills.

"Time is running out for a number of states who are recipients of out-of-state trash. Our landfills are filling up," Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., said Wednesday.

Coats led a bipartisan group of senators in unveiling legislation that he said "gives every state and gives every community the right to say no to out-of-state trash."

Other supporters include Sens. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and David

Boren, D-Okla., and Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas.

The measure represents the latest effort in Congress to restrict shipments of trash from the East Coast, mainly New Jersey and New York, to landfills in other states, particularly in the Midwest.

Currently, states can't stop the flow of trash from outside of their borders because the courts have ruled that it would interfere with interstate commerce. The main defense for most states is to enforce local laws governing proper operation of waste dumps.

"Congress has the power to regulate interstate commerce. Congress

would be using that power to grant authority to the states and local communities" to regulate and restrict dumping of out-of-state wastes, said Boren.

In general, the measure would:

■ Prohibit the dumping of out-of-state wastes at a landfill unless the affected local government permitted it.

■ States would be allowed to impose a fee of up to \$10 a ton on out-of-state trash shipments.

■ States must adopt 10-year plans for managing wastes generated within their own boundaries in order for local governments to have the authority to restrict.

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Dole stumps for screenings to fight cancer

By BARRY MASSEY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Since undergoing surgery for prostate cancer, Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole has stepped into the public spotlight to call attention to the disease and how it can be overcome if detected early.

The Kansas Republican is talking about his fight with cancer on national television shows and is advancing legislation in Congress so Medicare will pay for medical tests that can reveal prostate disease.

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The prostate is a small gland in men that surrounds a portion of the urethra, the duct that carries urine from the bladder to the penis. The gland's normal function is to produce the fluid portion of semen.

Dole uses himself as an example in stressing the need for men to have regular tests for prostate disease and the ability of men to make a full recovery from treatment.

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Dole speaks out on preventing prostate cancer

By The Associated Press

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A blood test alerted Dole last July to possible prostate disease.

The "prostate specific antigen," or PSA, blood test measures the presence of a substance indicating potential problems, including enlargement of the gland, infection or cancer. Dole underwent more tests and prostate cancer was confirmed by a biopsy last December.

The American Cancer Society recommends any man over the age of 40 undergo an annual rectal examination to help detect prostate problems.

Dr. Patrick Walsh, a urologist at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, credits the prostate specific antigen blood test for increasing the detection of prostate cancer because many men are reluctant to have rectal examinations.

"Today prostate cancer is being diagnosed earlier and in a more curable stage," Walsh said in a re-

cent interview.

Dole says a few hospitals are beginning to offer the blood tests as part of a free screening program to help detect prostate disease — much like mammography for the detection of breast cancer.

To help ensure elderly men can obtain the tests, Dole is advocating legislation to require Medicare to pay for the prostate disease blood tests. The American Cancer Society supports the proposal.

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Dole says republics need grain

By Alan Montgomery
The Hutchinson News

WASHINGTON — Talks are under way among the United States and two former Soviet republics to offer up to \$900 million in additional credits to allow the republics to buy U.S. grain, Sen. Bob Dole said Friday.

Russia is seeking \$600 million and Ukraine is asking for \$300 million in credits, Dole said, in a conference call with Kansas reporters.

"I have met with delegations from each of these republics," Dole said. "They want it soon, to get grain over there by the end of April. They need a lot of wheat. That's good news for wheat farmers."

Dole said the requests came at a time when there were still \$3.75 billion in unpaid debt to the United States — liabilities left over from grain credits extended to the now-defunct central government of the former Soviet Union.

"The Russian Republic and other republics have agreed to be responsible for that debt," he said. "Each republic has pledged repayment, even though the central government is gone. ... We'd like to be paid back."

Grain production in the former Soviet republics is down, he said. "They're short on livestock feed, too," he said. "They had to worry first about feeding the people. ... They're telling us they will run out of grain in April."

Dole said he was trying to assemble bipartisan support in the Senate for the credits, so that President Bush would not have to stand alone in the requests and risk political damage for it.

Bush is to meet with Russian President Boris Yeltsin in June, Dole said.

"My view is, we make a big mistake if we don't try to reach out and support these democracies," Dole said.

In other news, Dole said his office had worked hard to help Rural Water District No. 1, in Rice County, win new financing from the Farmers Home Administration.

Dole's office announced Friday that the district would receive \$1,084,900 in grants and a loan of \$1,310,600 to build a central water system to serve 278 farms and rural residences and three feedlots in eastern Rice and western McPherson counties.

The project includes a booster pump station, a storage tank and about 230 miles of distribution lines.

Dole said he had become aware, in town meetings during the past year, of several legitimate water projects in his district that were in need of money.

"It seems like a basic right to me, to have water to drink without having to haul it," he said. "We met with the Farmers Home Administration to see how we can stretch the money they have, or to increase the budget in that area. We were actively involved."

He and his staff still were working on financing for the Post Rock Rural Water District in central Kansas, which is experiencing financial difficulties, he said.

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Dole says all must take cuts

Defense budget cuts could prove painful

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole said Friday that Kansas and other states cannot escape defense cuts, including possible National Guard closings, if lawmakers continue to shrink the Pentagon budget.

"If we're going to cut the defense budget ... we're all going to have to take cuts. You can't have it both ways," Dole said when asked about the fate of a Pentagon proposal to

cut Guard and reserve forces to save \$20 billion over five years.

Dole said it's unclear whether Congress would approve all of the Pentagon proposal to eliminate 830 National Guard and reserve units nationwide.

The proposal includes eliminating about 3,200 troops in Kansas over two years.

That includes a National Guard unit in Salina, the 2nd Battalion, 635th Armor Regiment. The unit, with 544 jobs, is headquartered at 1127 Armory Road, near Bonanza restaurant on Broadway.

The 635th has units in Beloit, Concordia, Russell, Abilene, Ellsworth, Clay Center and McPherson.

However, the Kansas Republican complained that many lawmakers were opposing the Guard and reserve cuts even though they previously advocated defense cuts larger than those recommended by the Bush administration.

Dole didn't join the opposition to the proposed cuts, but neither did he endorse the Pentagon's package. He said he supported across-the-board defense budget cuts.

"Certainly it's important to our communities to have Guard positions and armories ... but if we're going to cut defense and reduce the deficit and do all the things that we want to do, we're probably going to have to absorb some of it ourselves," Dole said.

He said Kansas "got off pretty easily" in the proposed Guard closing in the current budget year. The Pentagon called for eliminating 614 Guard and 44 Naval Reserve positions in 1992.

Under the Pentagon's proposal for 1993, a Guard unit in Dole's hometown would be closed. Dole said he had not asked the Pentagon to spare the Russell unit and was unaware it was on the hit list until he read news reports.

