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## Dole: Trade pact will help Bush win farm-belt voters

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HOUSTON — The Farm Belt could be a "make or break" region for Republicans this fall and a new free trade deal gives the GOP a big head start, Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole told Iowa's Republican National Convention delegation Monday.

Dole and Agriculture Secretary Edward Madigan told the Iowans that the biggest winners in the North American Free Trade Agreement are Midwestern states trying to sell grain and livestock.



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That point, they said, won't be ignored on the campaign trail. "You get to Iowa and it's a major, major gain," said Madigan. "I think the Midwest could be the make or break area for President Bush," said Dole. "We're going to make the Midwest Bush country."

The new trade agreement has split farm groups, but those in Iowa and throughout the upper Midwest have generally been supportive. The agreement will eventually open borders with Mexico and Canada by eliminating trade barriers.

Farmers growing fruits and other produce generally don't like the deal because of increased competition from Mexican producers. Grain and livestock farmers, however, are a potential winner under the deal, because

they expect a major boost in exports to that country.

Madigan told Iowa's delegation that Republicans will be able to use a brightening farm economy as a campaign tool throughout the Midwest, and the new trade pact adds to that argument.

"We think we've had some very good luck with agricultural exports," said Madigan. "We've had the best four years for increases in net farm income in history."

Democrats made gains throughout the Farm Belt during the 1980s, as deep recession spread across much of the region. Republicans are hoping that an improving economy can change all that.

The agreement must be ratified by Congress, and that won't come until after the election.

## Dole turns health risk into personal crusade

Booth offers free tests for prostate cancer

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Sen. Bob Dole brought his crusade to reduce the incidence of prostate cancer to the Republican National Convention. "Better get your test. It's a lifesaver," Dole called out, sounding like a carnival barker.

"When you get to be 40, stop here. It might save your life."

Dole was appealing Monday night to men passing a booth in an exhibition hall adjacent to the Astrodome, site of the GOP convention.

Dole was found to have a cancerous prostate gland late last year and underwent successful surgery to remove it Dec. 18.

A giant picture of Kansas' senior senator dominated a display advertising the booth's purpose, which is to persuade men to take the prostate-specific antigen blood test.

The test, a fairly recent medical development, can detect the danger signs of prostate cancer. It is not regarded as 100 percent accurate, but it can indicate the need for further testing.

The booth at the GOP convention is sponsored by The Saturday Evening Post and its editor, Cory Serfass. Its poster boy is Dole, the Senate minority leader who lost bids for the Republican presidential nomination in 1980 and 1988.

Dole, who will introduce President Bush on Thursday night when Bush accepts renomination, seems

driven to promote awareness of the benefits of early detection of prostate cancer.

"I learned that it's so important and so many men don't know about it. And it's so easy," Dole said. "We spend \$2.1 billion on AIDS research and \$27 million on prostate cancer research, and about the same number of men die each year in this country from both — about 35,000 each."

"You've got to pass it along. A lot of people are looking for help, looking for advice."

More than 200 men stopped to have the free blood test at the booth in the first eight hours it was open Monday, said Vicki Stack, a registered nurse who is on Dole's Senate staff.

She said Dole gets about 200 telephone calls and letters a week asking about the test and prostate cancer. He responds to every one of them, she added, including placing one or two telephone calls every day.

He is sponsoring a health fair at the University of Kansas Medical Center in October and has enlisted former Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Len Dawson, another prostate cancer survivor, to help promote it.

Dole said he encountered a man in a Houston hotel on Sunday who said, "You saved my life."

"I don't do it because of that," Dole said. "I do it because we've got to spread the word that it's nothing to fear if you catch it in time."



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### Your Vote Counts

## Dole tells 'liberal from Little Rock' to look out

Bush will make customary comeback, senator says

Associated Press

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he said were the philosophical differences between Clinton and Bush. It contained little of the Clinton-bashing rhetoric that dominated the GOP convention.

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businesses with less federal regulation and choosing the schools their children attend, while Clinton "believes that bureaucrats know best."

"Governor Clinton's philosophy is radically different," Dole said.

If he were president, Dole contended, Clinton would "raise your taxes to pay for his liberal agenda," concentrate more power in the federal government and "stifle individual initiative with red tape and regulations."

"Governor, you take the bus and leave the driving to us," Dole advised Clinton.



Bob Dole introduced the president to the delegates Thursday night.

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"Get ready to meet the real comeback kid," Dole told Clinton. "I have known this kid for 25 years. And in all this time, no matter what the fight, no matter what the odds, George Bush has always had the strength and will to go the distance."

Dole advised Bush to ignore the polls.

"If the polls were always right, I'd be speaking next (accepting the party's presidential nomination)," Dole said. Bush crushed Dole in the New Hampshire primary in 1988 and went on to claim the GOP nomination and the presidency.

Dole's 20-minute introduction, delivered from a prepared text, concentrated on a comparison of what he said were the philosophical differences between Clinton and Bush. It contained little of the Clinton-bashing rhetoric that has dominated the GOP convention.

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**Delegates day off**

A breakfast for the Kansas delegation was canceled Thursday, so delegates and alternates had the day off. There was no caucus either.

Some of the delegates attended a luncheon for First Lady Barbara Bush, but a \$65 ticket price was too steep for others.

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## Dole vows to fight banking mandates

Small-town banks finding regulations burdensome

By The Associated Press

WICHITA — Sen. Bob Dole told small town Kansas bankers Friday he will fight to free them from burdensome and unnecessary regulations.

But he warned about 200 people attending the Community Bankers of Kansas annual meeting here there probably won't be much progress in the effort until after Jan. 1.

"We're not going to do much at all that's going to be constructive between now and November. Let's face it, it's hard ball politics," the Republican leader said of Congress.

Dole criticized the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Improvement Act passed by Congress last year.

"There are a lot of new mandates in the bill that just drive up the cost of business with no offsetting benefits to the customer," he said.

He pointed to two stacks of papers on a table next to him, each of them about 4 inches high. He said they were recent edicts from the FDIC and other bank regulators.

"It's not good for the banks. It's not good for the consumers. And it really doesn't serve any useful purpose," he said. "This may be a great thing for the Wall Street banks, the giants in the industry, maybe they need all of these regulations. But I'm not certain community banks need all of these regulations."

Dole has introduced the Community Bank



Sen. Bob Dole promised small-town bankers he'd fight unnecessary regulations.

Regulatory Relief Act. But he said he isn't sure the timing is right to press for its passage before the November elections.

"We'd like to do it this year. I'm not certain we're going to get it done this year. We thought about maybe offering it as an amendment. But I'm not certain that would be acceptable to some

of the committee chairmen who have to deal with this," he said.

"I wouldn't want to offer it and have it lose because that might be a bad signal next year."

Turning to the presidential campaign, Dole said the economy should be the No. 1 issue.

He acknowledged anti-incumbent sentiment exists in the country and said other changes have modified politics as usual.

"There are a lot of single-issue people in America," he said.

Dole said their attitude is: "If you're not right on this issue, I don't care. You can be right on 99 other issues, but out you go."

He mentioned abortion as an example of single-issue politics that caught the news media's attention at the start of the GOP national convention.

"It was one part of 150 planks in the Republican platform. And if you listened the early part of the week, you would think that's all we had down there is a big convention on abortion."

If George Bush were to ask for presidential campaign advice, Dole said he would tell him to get out and listen to "real people" such as farmers, housewives, real estate agents, and others.

"Pretty soon, you've got a good idea of what the real world is all about," Dole said.

The election probably will produce 150 new House members and 15-20 new Senators, he said. Dole noted Bush is calling for term limits.

"I don't know if you need term limits," he said. "That's a pretty good turnover."