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✓ Dole pushes Bush on ethanol

Senator says some states' votes could hang on support for fuel

Eagle staff and wire reports

President Bush could lose the support of farm state voters unless he announces his support of new ethanol incentives soon, Sen. Bob Dole says.

"It's politics now. There are five or six states that could be hanging in the balance (in the election) if he doesn't make the right decision," Dole said during a weekend campaign stop near Brandon, S.D.

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when used as a fuel additive.

Dole said the main stumbling block is William Reilly, EPA administrator. "Some say he's threatened to quit if the president overrules him. I'm not certain that's the case, but I know a lot of people wouldn't shed any tears if that happened," he said.

Oil and natural gas industry interests have fought the proposals.

The EPA, in writing the Clean Air Act regulations, prohibited the use of 10 percent ethanol, a move ethanol supporters said was a severe blow to the industry.

Kansas is not a large ethanol producer. The state's four ethanol companies employ 110 workers and can produce 27.8 million gallons of ethanol a year, 3 percent of the country's capacity. High Plains, the state's largest ethanol company, accounts for 19 million gallons of that capacity.

The state's ethanol industry, though, shows promise. Reeve Cattle Co., for instance, is expanding its plant in Garden City to 7 million gallons from 2.3 million gallons.

The potential market would be much larger if the proposed EPA ruling is rejected. And the issue has drawn a host of powerful players.

Bush was widely expected to use an appearance at the Illinois State Fair on Aug. 23 to announce his support for several new ethanol initiatives. But he did not mention ethanol.

One initiative would extend the tax break on gasoline mixed with 10 percent ethanol to blends of 5.7 percent and 7.7 percent to encourage ethanol use in cities where the higher percentage is banned or unnecessary. The Senate has passed that amendment.

Another initiative is an increased tax credit for the manufacture of ethyl tertiary butyl ether, or ETBE, an ethanol-based fuel additive.

Dole wants Bush to pressure the EPA into adopting those changes.

Dole, along with Democratic Sens. Tom Daschle of South Dakota and Tom Harkin of Iowa, sponsored a Clean Air Act amendment that passed Congress and was signed into law. It requires cleaner-burning fuels through the use of substances such as ethanol to be used in nine of the nation's largest and most polluted cities beginning in 1995. Thirty-nine other cities that do not meet federal carbon monoxide standards must start using the fuel this fall.

EPA critics have said the petroleum-based methyl tertiary butyl ether, or MTBE, burns cleaner than ethanol. But ethanol supporters have scientific studies proving otherwise, Dole said.

"We don't think the EPA is telling the truth," he said, adding that the agency has no evidence that ethanol would hurt the Earth's ozone layer.

Republicans and Democrats in farm states agree on the issue, but Bush is under pressure from the oil lobby, said Dallas Tonsager, president of the South Dakota Farmers Union.

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The Topeka Capital-Journal
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Dole says debate unlikely

■ Senator says challenger Gloria O'Dell needs to spell out views on issues

The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Kan. — Sen. Bob Dole said he probably would not debate Democratic challenger Gloria O'Dell unless she spelled out her view on issues such as health care and family leave legislation.

"I don't know what we'd debate about," the Republican minority leader said. "If she starts talking about issues maybe we will. But when she starts talking about what she will do about the family leave and health care — not just that I'm not doing anything — then there might be something to debate."

O'Dell has described the Kansas senator as out of touch with voters and has attacked his position on some issues.

"I don't know when she got in touch with the voters," Dole said this weekend during a ground-breaking ceremony for a retirement village in St. Paul. "I didn't know that she'd been around very much. I've been out here almost every weekend for the last three or four months."

A family leave bill, which Dole opposes, would require some businesses to give workers unpaid leave to care for newborns or for family medical emergencies.

Dole said he gladly would debate O'Dell on the family leave bill.

"I don't think the government ought to be reaching into Parsons, telling the employers how to conduct their business with the employees," he said.

"There ought to be family leave — you've got to take care of employees — but is that the federal government's responsibility? I don't think so."

On other topics, Dole said it was unlikely he would be the GOP presidential nominee in 1996.

Dole, 69, seeking his fifth six-year term in the Senate.



The Russell Daily News, Friday, Sept. 4, 1992

Bob Dole Blasts Clinton on Draft-Avoidance Allegations

HILTON HEAD, S.C. — New evidence that Bill Clinton took extraordinary measures to avoid being drafted during the Vietnam War once again calls into question whether the Democratic candidate is telling the truth.

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole made that comment Thursday during appearances in South Carolina for Republican Senate Candidate Tommy Hartnett. Dole challenged Clinton to hold a major press conference to "finally tell the truth about what happened in 1966, and whether it hurts or not, come clean with the American people."

A new Los Angeles Times story alleges that Clinton waged a high-pressure lobbying campaign to delay his military induction. Following is a transcript of remarks by Dole:

"I am not here to argue Bill Clinton's draft status. What I want to talk about is whether he is telling the American people the truth about what really happened. George Bush served in the military and Bill Clinton did not — that's fact."

But the issue is not whether you served, it is whether you took extreme measures to avoid the draft. And even that is not the key issue. The key issue is whether you are telling the truth, or whether Bill Clinton is just ducking and dodging now as he did 20 years ago.

"Bill Clinton obviously went to extreme measures to avoid the draft. No question about it, no question about it at all. Clinton has not told the full story about what he did to avoid honoring the draft induction notice. I think he must tell that story and address the serious questions raised by serious people on whether he sought preferential treatment. And if he sought preferential treatment, he ought to say so."

"He said it was a 'fluke' that he wasn't drafted. It wasn't a fluke. He is playing the artful dodger on this issue, just as he has dodged other issues — whether it is health care, whether it's the

free-trade agreement.

"So again, let me point out that dodging the draft is not the issue — evading the draft is not the issue — no matter what you think, and what your opinion may be on the Vietnam War, or on the draft, you deserve an explanation by Bill Clinton. It's all about credibility, it's all about trust."

"And as I said in my speech introducing President Bush in Houston, the big issue for America trust. Who do you trust to tell you the truth? Who do you trust as commander-in-chief? Bill Clinton has been all over the lot on the draft, yet he has the temerity to say on national television, 'I have addressed that question' and in other words, don't ask me anymore because I am not going to say anymore. Isn't that nice of him?"

"But I'm waiting for the national media — that probing media — to say, wait a minute Governor, there is new evidence now, that you took other measures to avoid or evade the draft."

"So it just seems to me that we have an issue that is not going to go away. It's not the evasion, it's credibility, it's telling the American people the truth and if Bill Clinton can't tell us the truth about his draft status and what he did to evade the draft, what can he tell us the truth about?"

The Russell Daily News, Thursday, Sept. 3, 1992

Dole Calls Bush Announcement 'Shot in Arm' for State's Farmers

WASHINGTON — Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., Wednesday made the following comments on President Bush's announcement of additional wheat sales under the Export Enhancement Program.

Sen. Dole made his remarks after a meeting Wednesday morning with a high-level delegation of Russian grain-buying officials in the senator's U.S. Capitol office.

"The president's announcement ought to have a positive impact on the markets today and in the next few weeks. We need to

get wheat prices up, corn prices up, soybean prices up, and this is really a shot in the arm. This is a strong, convincing signal that the U.S. is going to be a real player on the international scene, staying competitive in the face of heavy foreign subsidies.

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The Russell Daily News, Monday, Aug. 31, 1992—Page 3

Dole Gives Area GOP Pep Talk

From the Great Bend Tribune
GREAT BEND — "We're out here to make certain we have a strong party," Sen. Bob Dole told Kansas political candidates and supporters at a Republican Party rally Saturday at Barton County Community College.

In a "don't throw out the baby with the bath water" kind of speech, Dole urged voters to consider all of the issues and not to decide against a candidate for one insignificant issue or comment. Obviously trying to drum up support for Republican candidates from President George Bush down to the smallest county office, Dole asked people to remember that you "don't just change presidents, you change the whole government if Bush loses."

Dole, who has been helping campaign for Republican U.S. Senate candidates in other states (most recently for Charlene Haar, a South Dakota candidate), said it was time to have a Republican majority in Congress, something that it hasn't had in 38 years.

"I still believe Bush will win," said Dole, adding, "If we lose the White House, (but we) win in the Senate, we can run the country from the Senate."

"Give us one chance and if we

can't do better in Congress with a majority... then we'll quit, you won't have to vote us out," challenged Dole.

"The economy is number one," said Dole, adding that addressing the issue is important for current political campaigns. Dole stated that the Democrats, avoiding constructive answers to the situation, are simply blaming Bush for all the current economic problems, adding "now he's being blamed for Hurricane Andrew."

Noting a lack of interest in the farming situation in the Democratic ticket, Dole said that would change as the campaign progressed and the Democrats began broadening their campaign trail seeking votes. "Your hearing gets better close to election time when you're a candidate."

Although Dole feels Bush is missing the boat by not tackling the ethanol problem — a \$21 million industry in South Dakota alone, according to that state's corn growers' association — he also feels that "we can convince President Bush that it's a win-win situation, that it doesn't affect the

ozone, that it does provide clean air, and it is a clean fuel."

Dole said what affects the farmer affects people in "every little town and every big town because of the ripple effect." He also urged candidates not to "forget where you're from" because "as long as you know how to get home, you don't lose touch" with what is going on with their constituents.

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Dole agrees to appear apart from opponents

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All four candidates, including Dole, will answer the same set of questions about issues and must follow time limits in making their responses. Each candidate will give a brief closing statement.

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Dole has been criticized by Ms. O'Dell for not agreeing so far to any joint debates in the fall campaign.

When asked if he planned to debate Ms. O'Dell, Dole said: "We'll have time to think about that later. It's too early yet."

Dole also complained about criticisms by Ms. O'Dell, and his comments raised doubts over the chances for a face-to-face exchange between Dole and Ms. O'Dell.

"I don't know what the debate would be about. All I know is she attacks me every day for being useless and worthless and not reflecting the views of Kansans. I don't know that we need to debate that," said Dole.

He said later, "I'm not going to give her a forum to get up and make false charges against me. I would be stupid to do that."

The forum in Hutchinson is organized by the Kansas chapter of United We Stand America, a group that backed Perot and helped place his name on state ballots. Stuart said 488 of the group's delegates from across Kansas will attend the forum. Since Perot withdrew from the presidential race, she said, the group has operated as a non-partisan organization and is trying to provide voters with better information about candidate positions.

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Dole agrees to appear at forum, but not with rivals

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Dole Incumbent Republican senator said the forum would be more like a three-against-one debate.