

# Dole, O'Dell offer health ideas

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## Questions on health care reform

- How can government improve access to health care?
- What type of health-care system do you support? Why?
- How much would your proposed health-care system cost, and how would you pay for it?
- What areas of the current health-care system need the most attention?
- How do you respond to critics who maintain that lawmakers, most of whom have health insurance, don't understand the needs of the uninsured or under-insured?
- How would you bring spiraling health-care costs under control?
- Who should decide which services are offered to people? Is the nation going to have to ration health care?
- When can Americans expect meaningful health-care reform? How desperate is the situation, and what can government reasonably be expected to do about it?
- What should be done in the short run?

tem and not by burdening business through payroll taxes.

■ We need to focus our attention to bring about access in rural and urban areas. The answer must be to focus on the problem that affects all of us — not just some of us.

■ I agree that lawmakers, all of them having universal access to health care paid by the taxpayer at no cost to them, is wrong. What is good for our legislators should be good for all in our country. Why should our elected officials have better health-care coverage than the average person? Those elected officials who do not believe that average persons should not have the same coverage as they do just do not understand the needs of the people.

■ I would support budget caps for health care determined by the state working together with communities and laws to reduce the practice of defensive medicine in order to reduce health-care costs.

■ Your question infers that we do not have rationing (of health care) today. We do. Millions of Americans have no health-care coverage, and we all pay for it through cost shifting. Cost shifting is done by hospitals and other related health-care industries that charge those that can pay in order to make up for those who cannot pay. The community should determine which services would be offered because no two communities are alike and will face different problems concerning their needs.

■ Americans will have health-care reform when politicians decide that people should have the coverage politicians do. The situation is desperate because those that do not have coverage are not getting the medical services they need to be healthy and productive. We need to act now and it must be comprehensively in order for every American to have a right to health care.

## Gloria O'Dell

Government can improve access to the health-care system by implementing a single-payer system. By doing so, you would have a partnership between the federal government with the states to guarantee universal access. This would reduce costs by focusing on preventive care and capping the costs of health care. If we need additional revenue, it will be raised by the graduated tax system.

## Bob Dole

Rather than respond to questions, Dole provided a statement of his health-care viewpoints.

As far as I am concerned, improving access to quality affordable health care is the No. 1 priority of the American people — and I have reform legislation to back it up.

The plan I have co-sponsored with 23 of my Republican colleagues was crafted with several fundamental reforms in mind to expand access to care and to bring costs under control.

Some of the critical features of my plan include improved access, cost-containment and long-term care provisions.

Among improved-access provisions:

■ Tax credits for individuals and families to assist in the purchase of health insurance as well as health-care services. Also, tax credits for small businesses which provide health insurance to employees as well as to those which extend coverage to include dependents.

■ Private insurance reform by eliminating companies' ability to "cherry-pick" or cancel insurance when claims are filed.

■ Expand services in under-served areas. Many areas in rural and urban

ban America have a shortage of doctors and clinics. Additional funding is provided for more care in these areas.

■ Creation of a new public program for those who aren't eligible for Medicaid but are below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

Among cost-containment measures:

■ Makes insurance more affordable.

■ Reduce red tape and administrative costs through streamlining the current paperwork maze by use of a common form.

■ Reform malpractice laws to help those with legitimate malpractice claims recover damages while keeping lawyers out of the middle of medical care and reducing health-care costs because of "defensive medicine."

Among long-term care provisions:

I have introduced legislation for Secure Choice, which addresses the long-term care needs of our elderly citizens.

Secure Choice is a responsible three-step approach to the long-term care issue.

■ Part one of Secure Choice pro-

vides for expanded home and community-based care to seniors below the poverty level.

■ Part two calls upon the initiative of private enterprise and government. By creating a public-private partnership, Secure Choice encourages insurers to broaden their market, thereby putting private long-term care insurance within financial reach of a greater number of Americans.

■ Part three is a clarification of the tax code, which encourages individuals to buy long-term care insurance, and which provides incentives for businesses to provide such insurance to their employees.

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## Dole announces order from Japan for Boeing

By Bud Norman  
The Wichita Eagle

Sen. Bob Dole announced Sunday that President Bush had secured a commitment from the Japanese government to buy a \$1.8 billion advance early warning aircraft system from the Boeing Co.

"The Japanese have publicly committed to purchasing as many as four advanced Boeing 767 AWACs for their air defense forces," Dole said.

But Boeing spokeswoman Carolyn Russell said that negotiations with the Japanese were continuing and that no deal had been secured yet.

Dole's statement said that about \$200 million of the AWACs work would go to Boeing's Wichita operations.

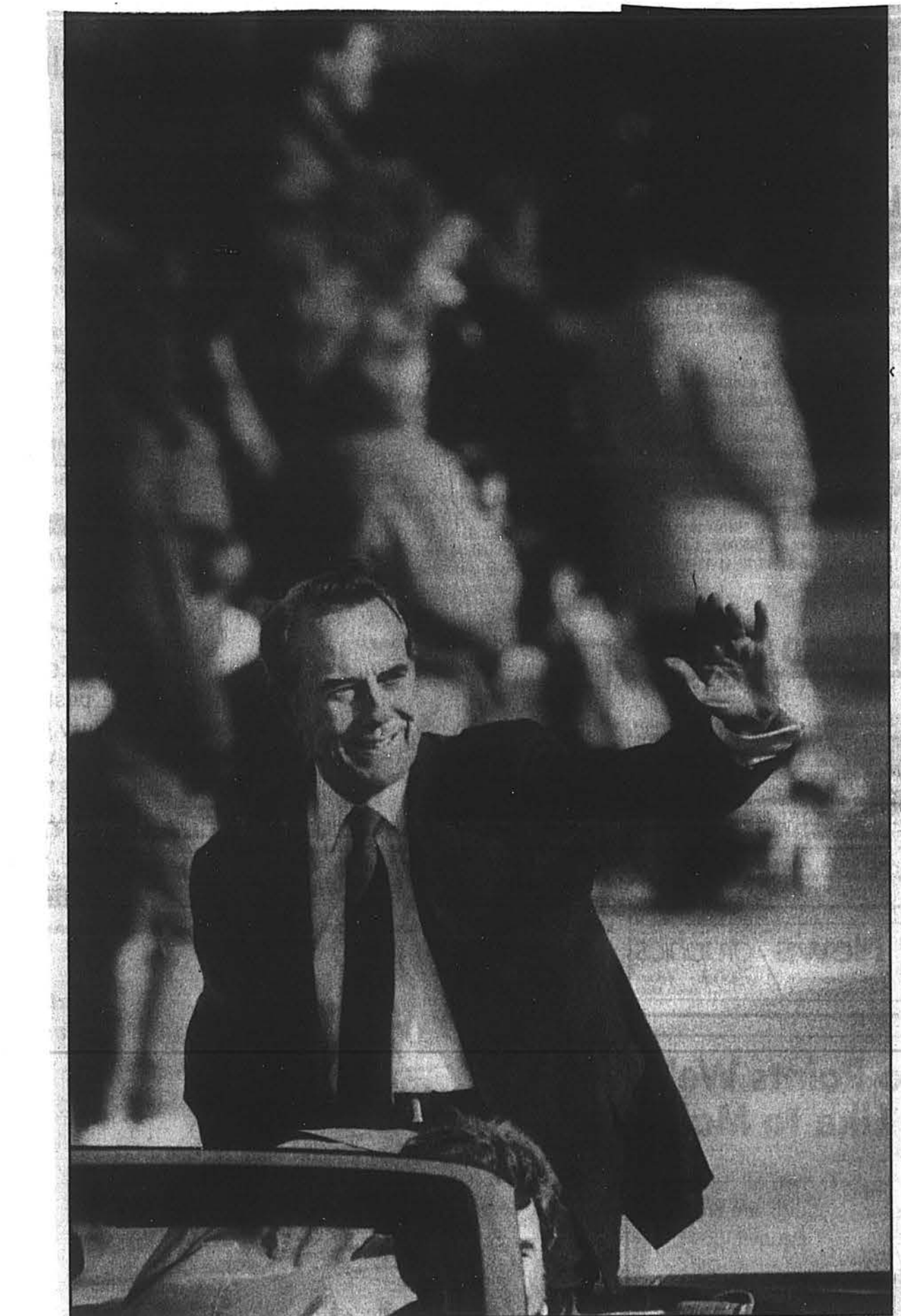
"These aircraft will undergo major modification at (the) Boeing

Wichita plant before being moved to Seattle for final installation of the Westinghouse radar and electronic work stations. When they hit the runway in Japan, these frontline defense planes will proudly include the made-in-Kansas label."

Spokesmen from the Republican senator's office were not available Sunday, and the news release did not estimate how the contract would affect employment at Boeing Wichita.

"If the Japanese do purchase the AWACs airplanes, obviously that's good news," Russell said. "As far as the jobs forecast, it's too early to speculate on what the impact of that will be."

Dole's statement said the Bush administration expects to conclude the AWACs sale negotiations by the end of the year.



Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., waves to the crowd Saturday morning during the Fort Hays State University homecoming parade down Main Street. Dole served as the grand marshal for the parade.

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## Western Front

# Bob Dole says he always does his best for Kansans

Making a difference is what public service is all about. Whether it's helping your state or helping an individual, making a positive difference in people's lives has been my lifelong mission, and my goal for another term in the U.S. Senate.

No doubt about it, there are some huge challenges confronting America these days, and I want to help solve them: the federal deficit, health care, jobs, revitalizing rural America, crime and education, to name a few.

In my view, Kansans want leadership on these issues, and they expect their elected representatives to make the tough votes to get the job done, whether it's cutting spending, taking on the status quo or making the federal government work for you, not against you. I believe my record demonstrates that I will make the tough votes.

Constituent services are a top priority for me. When a Kansan calls for help, I don't ask whether he or she is a Democrat, Republican or independent. From late Social Security checks to farm program foul-ups, I use my seniority and government contacts to cut through the red tape. My staff is a good one, and I insist that it respond quickly and effectively to all Kansan inquiries.

As far as I'm concerned, deficit reduction begins in my office. We run a tight ship in my offices in Washington, Topeka, Wichita, Kansas City and Pittsburg. In fact, during my current six-year term, all my offices have returned to the Treasury more than \$1.5 million in allocated funds that weren't used for taxpayer-financed junk mail and unnecessary staff.

When it comes to the economy, the federal deficit is public enemy No. 1. I will continue to support the common-sense solutions — the balanced-budget amendment, the line-item veto, and cutting wasteful spending. We don't need more taxes, and more costly government programs.

On the health-care front, we must provide small business and individuals the tax incentives they need to secure quality and

affordable care — without massive payroll taxes and job-killing mandates.

And I will continue to push reform legislation that will help make certain rural communities and their hospitals get the same treatment that urban centers receive.

On either critical issues for Kansas, I will oppose liberal attempts to gut America's defense system, the kind of reckless cutbacks that would put Fort Riley and McConnell Air Force Base on the endangered list. Unfortunately, year after year, liberals look at the defense budget as some kind of slush fund to pay for their big new government programs, when it's clear defense means national security and jobs. Yes, the defense budget should be reduced in light of the collapse of communism, but the world is still a dangerous place, as Saddam Hussein proved with his brutal invasion of Kuwait. Thanks to our investment in defense, America was ready to respond with real muscle, as the heroes from the Big Red One and other Kansas military installations helped teach the Iraqi dictator a lesson he'll never forget.

On the farm front, I will continue to fight for market-oriented policies that let farmers and ranchers make planting and production decisions, not bureaucrats in Washington. We also must continue to fight unfair foreign subsidies and to keep our goods competitive overseas.

Meanwhile, the bottom line is, I have never forgotten where I come from — Russell, Kan. In the past two years, I've held public meetings in all of our state's 105 counties, and I try to reflect that Heartland perspective in my votes and in my independence. Bob Dole isn't perfect, I've made mistakes, but I believe most Kansans recognize that I work hard, I do my homework and I always do my best for Kansas.

If there are federal dollars available and 49 other states are competing for them on Capitol Hill, you can be assured that I got to the mat for Kansas.

Above all, it is an honor to serve the people of Kansas.

BOB DOLE  
U.S. Senator for Kansas

## Responding to Dole critic

Another attack-Bob-Dole letter from a Diana Clark of Vermillion has made it into The Hutchinson News, so please let me clear up her latest distortions.

1. Sen. Dole has one of the best voting records in the Senate. He has never missed a vote to make a speech.

2. Because he is in demand as one of America's most respected leaders, Sen. Dole continues to speak to associations and groups. Any remuneration for these speaking appearances goes directly to charities and schools, almost all of them in Kansas, including the Mental Health Association of Kansas, The Kansas Society for Crippled Children, Benedictine College, United Methodist Youthville in Newton, the Kansas Jaycees Cerebral Palsy Foundation and scores of others.

3. Sen. Dole is leading the fight to put the clamps on special interests, including authoring reform legislation that would eliminate political-action committees altogether. Setting the record straight, thousands of individuals have contributed to his campaigns, including the current Senate race.

4. Sen. Dole's only other earnings beyond salary and savings is compensation for his World War II combat wounds, not a "war bond."

5. Sen. Dole has helped crack down on S&L crooks with new criminal sanctions, has supported legislation that will protect S&L depositors and has fought to eliminate government waste in the clean-up of S&L mess.

The good news is, Ms. Clark now admits she received a courteous personal reply from Sen. Dole to her recent inquiries.

Last, I am pleased she now admits she and her husband are Democrats, which

should put her letters in the proper perspective.

DAVE SPEARS  
State Director for Senator Bob Dole

## Don't fall for camouflage

Orville Cole, claiming to be a Republican, is continuing to waste valuable space in our Kansas newspapers, including The Hutchinson News, by attacking Sen. Bob Dole. Mr. Cole tries to camouflage his partisan election-year blitz with the added claim that he is a "Dole" supporter.

The good news is there are hundreds of thousands of real "Dole" supporters who really know Bob Dole. They know Bob Dole is absolutely invaluable! Ask Nancy Kassebaum — she knows Bob Dole is a highly respected member of the U.S. Senate. That's what she says, that's what several prominent Democratic senators have said and that is what a big majority of voters have been saying for years.

Whether it is highway financing, defense projects, major new additions to our universities, farm support, health-care reform or national leadership, Mr. Cole should realize that Bob Dole is not just a major plus for Kansas, he is an outstanding leader! Let's be honest, Mr. Cole, other states would love to have Bob Dole fighting their battles every day.

Take time to visit the U.S. Senate in Washington, take time to visit all 105 counties in Kansas, take time to visit Russell, Kan., Bob Dole's home, I have, then you, too, should take time to vote — for Bob Dole!

BILL MITCHELL  
Hutchinson

## Change isn't necessarily good

I was speaking to a friend recently when he noted my DOLE pin. He expressed a reservation about voting for Dole. His reason was that he thought it is time for a change. He admitted that Sen. Dole was doing a great job for both the nation and for the citizens of Kansas, but he won-

dered whether perhaps we ought not just get some new faces in government.

This startled me. Change does not mean new faces in government, it means a change in governmental philosophy and relationship of the executive and legislative branches of government. This election is not about pretty or youthful faces, it is about providing the executive branch with a legislative branch that will enable the programs needed for effective and efficient government.

Having understood this, our next consideration is which philosophy of government we are in need of at this time.

Simply stated, the Democrats are preaching larger governmental control, greater spending and higher taxes. They believe that the federal government should provide everything for everyone. They intend to equalize our lives by government control.

The Republicans are preaching less governmental control, smaller spending budgets and lower taxes. They believe that the American people can, with minimal governmental assistance, take care of themselves. They intend to equalize our opportunities and allow us to create our own lives. To date, we have not seen either of these at work for many years. What we have seen is the two philosophies at loggerheads with one another, stalemated on important issues, and lumbering along with an eye to blaming one another instead of accomplishing something.

This is not so much their fault as it is ours. We are the ones who have elected opposing philosophies in the two branches, and neither branch would be carrying out the mandate we gave them if they did not try to implement the ideals we mandated to them.

Yes, we need a change. We need a change in who we send to the Congress and to the White House. They must have the same philosophy of government. If we do not accomplish this, there is no change of faces that will help America.

JAMES GRANER  
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## Sen. Dole coasts to new term

### Challenger O'Dell comes up far short

By The Associated Press

TOPEKA — Bob Dole, the small-town Kansas war hero who rose to political power nationally, won a sweeping victory Tuesday and claimed a fifth six-year term in the U.S. Senate.

Dole defeated Democratic challenger Gloria O'Dell and two minor candidates — independent Christina Campbell-Cline and Libertarian Mark B. Kirk, both of Wichita. He collected about two-thirds of the vote.

Dole, 69, severely wounded in Italy during World War II, survived to launch a political career that has taken him from legislator and county attorney in Russell to Congress for 32 years, first as a member of the U.S. House and for the past 24 years as a senator.

He has been Senate minority leader the past six years and should play an even more prominent Republican leadership role with Democrats controlling the White House and both houses of Congress the next four years.

Dole has made two bids for the presidency, in 1980 and 1988, and has not ruled out the possibility of a third try in 1996, despite his age. He was Gerald Ford's vice presidential running mate in 1986.

Dole retired to his Washington office Tuesday night to await results of how other GOP Senate candidates fared, hoping to avert losing three more seats to the Democrats. If the Democrats reached 60 seats, they could shut off Republican filibusters under the Senate's cloture rule.

O'Dell, 47, is a former newspaper and television reporter who became an aide to former U.S. Rep. Martha Keys, D-Kan., in the mid-1970s, worked in Tom Docking's unsuccessful campaign for governor in 1986 and helped Sally Thompson get elected state treasurer in 1990.

O'Dell tried to make issues of Dole's incumbency, record and campaign donations from special interests. But she struggled to get her message out because of lack of adequate funding for media advertising.

Dole emphasized he has not lost touch with his roots in Kansas, stressed his record on constituent services and the clout he gives a small state in Congress.



Dole