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Dole ponders own 800 line

By Karen Ball
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole, enjoying new celebrity status as President Clinton's pesky nemesis, is pondering a 1-800 number for calls coming in to his Capitol office.

Senator Dole has averaged about 1,000 calls a day over the past few months since Clinton took office, Dole's spokesman Walt Riker said. Riker said Dole's calls this year mark about a 50 percent increase from previous years.

People nationwide started calling en masse on the Zoe Baird nomination, and it's continued through the gays in the military controversy, Clinton's proposed tax increase-deficit reduction budget and a range of other issues, Riker said.

"We're the most visible opposition leader in the country," Riker said. "The volume of calls has just gone through the roof. People calling in to complain, congratulate, offer advice, whatever. I've never seen anything like it."

"Does this mean the president gets a 1-800 number? Is Mitchell going to get one, too?" she said, wondering if Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, should have a toll-free line.

Right now, the White House copes with its own barrage of phone calls — they have numbered as high as 67,000 a day — with 20 volunteers on "comment" phone lines, Voles said.

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Dole urges GOP unity, blasts economic package

By Dennis Gale
Associated Press Writer

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole took dead aim at President Clinton's economic package Tuesday and said Republicans can prevail if they're united.

Democratic claims that Clinton's deficit reduction package contains $250 billion in spending cuts are wrong, Dole told about 400 Republicans at a state party fund-raiser.

"Under the president's plan, Americans pay $10 in tax increases for every dollar in spending cuts," he said. "That's tax, tax, tax, tax, tax, tax, tax, tax, tax, tax, and then cut."

Clinton's $500 billion deficit-reduction package barely passed the House last week and now is before the Senate, also controlled by Democrats.

Dole said that in his hometown of Russell, Kan., people tell him they don't have much confidence in the president or Congress.

"They know there's a deficit. They know we have to deal with it. ... But they also tell me to follow their advice and cut spending first," he said.

"And that's the message we've been trying to deliver to President Clinton."

If Clinton's package fails, maybe he'll sit down and negotiate spending cuts to generate bipartisan support, Dole said.

The GOP can turn up the heat on Clinton by eating into the Democrats' control of the Senate, he said. He predicted Kay Bailey Hutchison will win a Senate seat in Texas on Saturday, increasing GOP ranks to 44 and sending shock waves.

"It's going to be a referendum on the Clinton program," Dole said.

The Republican leader urged unity. "We've got to stand together because we're right," he said.

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Quipmeisters Dole, Leno go toe to toe tonight

By Tom Webb
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WASHINGTON — Tonight, from beautiful downtown Burbank, it's Sen. Bob Dole.

And with him, it's comedian Jay Leno, who recently joked that Dole should be tested for rabies.

The Kansas Republican is scheduled to make his "Tonight Show" debut this evening, appearing as Leno's first guest. That puts him after the opening monologue and before a rapper named Guru.

Dole

Truth be told, Dole's date with Leno hasn't come together without a hitch.

First, there was a scheduling problem. When the show's staff first asked Dole to appear, his California schedule was already full.

At taping time, Dole was scheduled to be visiting former President Reagan at his home in Bel Air, an exclusive enclave near Beverly Hills.

But the Reagans, being show-biz veterans, themselves, consented to a solution that let the show go on.

"The Reagans agreed to move up their meeting," said Jennifer Barnett, a "Tonight Show" publicist.

Even so, Barnett said, given the tight time frame and the bad Los Angeles traffic, "we're going to helicopter him in from the Reagans' house. We're bending over backward to get him on."

Dole seems eager, too. During the 1988 campaign, the Wall Street Journal asked presidential candidates what their dream job would be, aside from the presidency. Dole's response: host of "The Tonight Show."

The program wanted to book Dole partly to maintain a bipartisan appearance. Under Leno, the show has featured a few more newsmakers and politicians, such as Democratic campaign consultant James Carville and former presidential candidate Gary Hart.

"Basically, 'The Tonight Show' actively sought him out because he's such an influential Republican, and we wanted to hear what he had to say," Barnett said. "We've had some powerful Democrats on recently, and we wanted to keep a balance on the show."

Leno has also kept his political humor bipartisan, and in Dole he has found plenty of material. Typically, Leno zings Dole's nasty demeanor, his chronic opposition to President Clinton or both.

One example: After Clinton's brother got into a fistfight with a hockey fan who was taunting him, Leno joked, "Boy, that Bob Dole doesn't know when to quit!"

In response, Dole's spinmeisters have talked about how to defuse Leno's barbs with a laugh. The National Journal reported that members of Dole's staff had even joked about having the senator emerge dressed as Darth Vader, villain of the "Star Wars" movies.

"There's not going to be any weird props, as far as I know," Kristin Hyde, a Dole press aide, said Wednesday. "He'll have his wit."

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Jennifer Barnett, 'Tonight Show' publicist

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Show biz

Sen. Bob Dole matches wits with 'Tonight' host Jay Leno

Kansans know their senior senator, Bob Dole, to be a scrapper — a feisty champion of deficit reduction, a testy warrior for fiscal responsibility. Tonight, he'll take his increasingly formidable show on the road.

Girded with his devastating wit, the 69-year-old war hero and fifth-term senator will trade ripostes with NBC "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno. But Mr. Dole hasn't been busily fashioning a monologue or sharpening his quick quips. He doesn't need to. He's in fine fighting form. Since George Bush left town in January and Bill Clinton assumed the presidency, Mr. Dole has been given daily workouts as the most visible, most influential and most quotable Republican on the Hill.

While other politicians hem and haw, the media turn more and more to the senator from the Plains for succinct, telling sound bites. Mr. Dole is a politician who unabashedly speaks his mind. His lightning-fast, off-the-cuff wisecracks skillfully lampoon both people and programs that raise his ire.

In his new higher-profile role, the sometimes snarly, always tenacious senator has become fodder for comedians, the butt of a barrage of jokes. A recent Leno joke: Clinton said we would all be tested in the next 100 days. The president would be tested for leadership, Congress on the economy, and Bob Dole will be tested for rabies.

Watching Sen. Dole respond to Mr. Leno face to face should be great entertainment. Says a spokesperson for the senator: "It will just be two funny guys sitting down talking. It'll be a mix of serious and funny."

Could Mr. Dole be otherwise? Mark Twain once said that the secret source of humor is not joy, but sorrow. Mr. Dole suffered wounds during World War II that left him with a useless right arm. When he watches those "Saturday Night Live" routines that portray him as vitriolic, self-pitying and disabled, the senator's source of humor is infinitely increased.

Members of the editorial page staff are Op-Ed Page Editor Shannon Littlejohn, Editorial Writers Denney Clements, Randy Brown and Myrne Roe, and Editorial Cartoonist Richard Crouson.

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Wit, wisdom, wherewithal

Dole learns to roll with punch lines

By JAKE THOMPSON and SCOTT CANON
Staff Writers

As Jay Leno launched into his "Tonight Show" monologue Thursday night, he suddenly stopped and complained that his jokes about President Clinton seemed "awful mean."

"Oh, look, it's Dole who's writing them," the comedian said, grinning.

Sure enough, as the camera panned to the audience, there stood Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole hefting a big white cue card, wearing a big play-along smile.

The late-night TV appearance underscores the Kansan's dual role as the Senate's king of comedy and a favorite target for comics, cartoonists and satirists.

Throughout his career Dole has proved that in the rough-

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Jay Leno has compared Bob Dole to killer bees and suggested the Kansan be checked for rabies.

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Dole donates $30,000 to KU for prostate cancer research

Senator advises men to have checkups.

By SCOTT CANON
Mid-America

Bob Dole will always talk politics. But there is another, more personal, topic that the U.S. senator from Kansas now manages to sandwich between talk of Republican virtues and Democratic sins.

"I usually end up saying something about prostate cancer," said Dole, who was diagnosed with the disease in 1991. "When I see a lot of men in the audience, and I see a lot of gray hair, I make my pitch. I tell them that if you don't remember anything else I said, remember to go to your doctor."

That's why on Saturday morning Dole showed up at the University of Kansas Medical Center to deliver a check to the new Bob Dole Prostate Cancer Awareness Fund at the KU division of urology.

"We'll put the money to good use," said Mark Austenfeld, an assistant professor of surgery at the KU Medical Center.

The $30,000 Dole presented to officials at the KU Medical Center came from a $15,000 fund-raiser at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington with the premiere of a film about one man's battle with prostate cancer. That amount was matched by the Schering-Plough Corp., a pharmaceutical firm.

On Dec. 18, 1991, Dole underwent surgery to remove his cancerous prostate gland. He has been healthy since.

But Dole said that an average of 34,000 American men die of prostate cancer every year, falling to a disease that can typically be treated successfully if detected in time. The disease affects one of every 11 American men, and one of three older than 50.

Doctors suggest all men older than 45 get routine checkups for prostate disease. Cancer detection can be as simple as a blood test.

Since his highly publicized battle with cancer, Dole said thousands of people have contacted him or his Senate staff for information about the problem or simply for moral support.

"We've gotten to the point where we can't even answer all the letters," Dole said. "When somebody tells you you have cancer, that's a pretty scary thing. You just have to keep in mind that you can beat it."

But Dole said he declines to give advice when people ask him if they should opt for radiation or chemotherapy, surgery or some other approach.

"That's out of my pay grade," he said. "I tell them to talk to their doctor."

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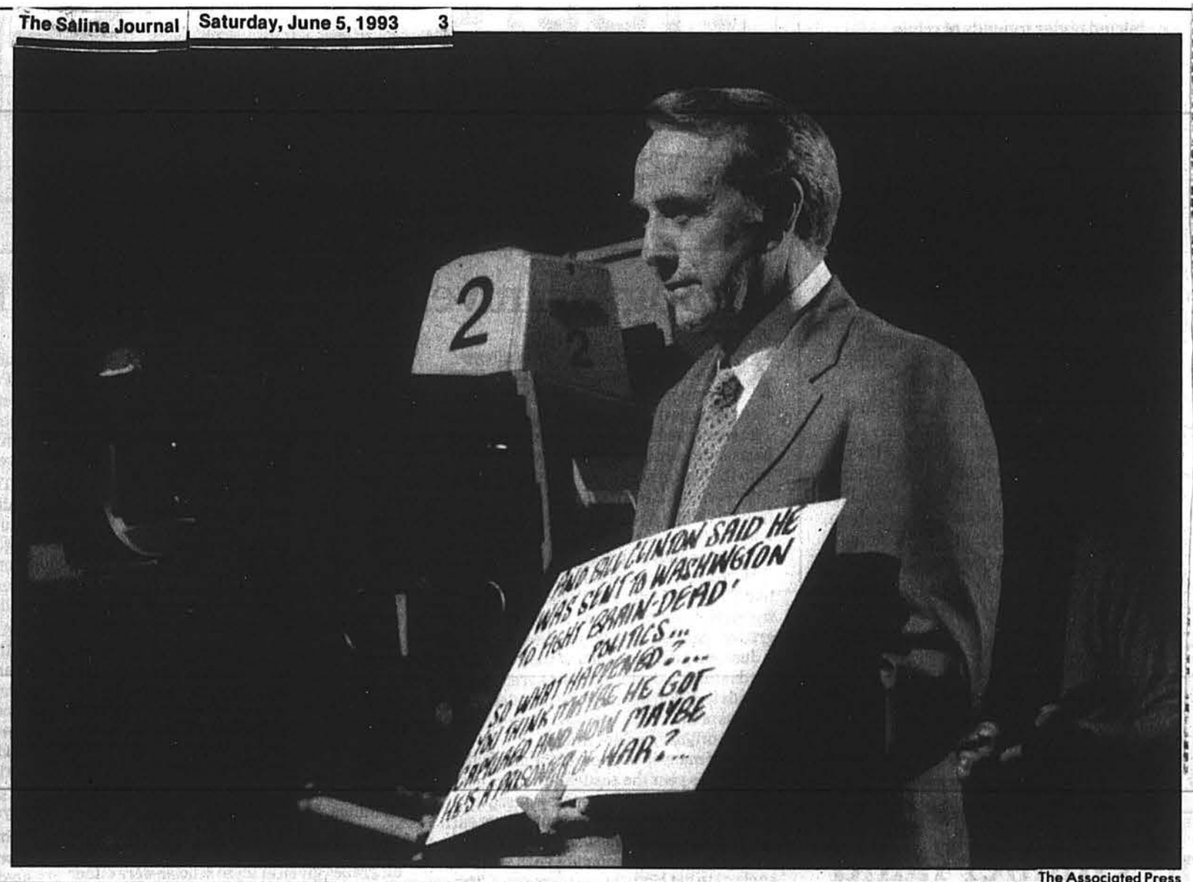

The Associated Press

ON CUE — Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., played an unusual part in Jay Leno's monologue Thursday night on "The Tonight Show." Dole held the cue cards for a joke about President Clinton, and Leno blamed him when the joke bombed.

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THURSDAY ■ JUNE 10, 1993 ■

Dole gets $64,100 for talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas kept a busy speechmaking schedule last year despite ethics rules that forced senators to donate all fees to charity rather than pocket the cash.

Dole, traditionally one of the most popular speakers in the Senate, earned $64,100 in fees for nearly three dozen speeches and one editorial article in 1992. All of the money went to charities, according to a statement issued by the senator's office Thursday.

Annual financial disclosure reports for members of Congress will be released Friday. However, Dole's office issued a statement a day early listing the groups that paid fees for speeches by the senator and the charities that received donations.

The senator said $50,100 of the fees went to Kansas-based charities.

Receiving the largest donation, $8,000, was Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., which Dole and his wife, Elizabeth, attend.

Among those Dole spoke to were the American Bankers Association, American Dental Association, Wine Institute, American Public Power Association and a group called Coleman-Bartlett's Washington Focus, which paid $8,000 for several appearances by the senator.

In 1991, Dole earned $90,007 in fees for 47 speeches and three editorial articles. He kept $24,507 for personal uses and donated $65,500 to charities.

Ethics rules prohibited senators from keeping honoraria for personal uses after Aug. 13, 1991.

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Dole lists crystal gifts, speech fees

By BARRY MASSEY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole's crystal collection continues to grow, thanks to awards he received last year from charitable and political groups.

According to a financial statement released today, Dole accepted a $1,700 Steuben crystal flag from the Javits Foundation. The Kansan also received a $250 crystal globe from a prostate research group, a $375 bronze bull from a Republican group in Arizona and a $250 bronze statue from a children's foundation.

The gifts, because they were given as awards or mementos for public service, were exempt from an ethics rule prohibiting gifts in excess of $250.

Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., reported no gifts, no speaking fees and no expenses-paid travel last year.

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Ethics rules prohibit senators from keeping honoraria for personal uses after Aug. 13, 1991, but they can continue to make speeches and give the fees to charity.

Although Dole had a busy speech schedule last year, his wife, Elizabeth, earned far more money as a speaker.

Mrs. Dole, president of the American Red Cross, delivered 16 speeches for $328,000. For example, she received $60,000 from the Dayton Hudson Corp., which operates department stores, for three speeches in a two-week period.

She contributed her speech fees to a Red Cross fund for "at-risk youth," made a contribution to a retirement plan and paid speechwriting expenses.

Overall, Dole listed assets valued from $436,000 to $991,000, mainly certificates of deposit and mutual funds, some of which were part of a Keogh plan. He had no liabilities.

Dole had unearned income, mostly interest and dividends on his investments, from $36,900 to $90,100. The senator reported receiving a state income tax refund of $11,156.

Mrs. Dole reported assets worth up to $5 million, including an office building in suburban Kansas City valued from $500,001 to $1 million. She had liabilities of up to $600,000, including a mortgage on the Overland Park office building.

Kassebaum listed assets worth from $1.5 million to $3.7 million. That included stock holdings valued at $588,000 to $1.5 million, commercial real estate in Wichita from $500,000 to nearly $1.3 million and an interest in ranch land in Morris and Geary counties worth from $250,000 to $600,000.

Another asset, worth up to $100,000, was a scholarship fund for teachers which contains money from previous congressional pay increases and some campaign receipts.

She had liabilities potentially in excess of $1.7 million. For example, Kassebaum had one business loan of "over $1 million" from a Wichita bank.

Kassebaum had unearned income from $60,700 to $189,000, mostly rent from the ranch land, stock dividends, royalties from natural gas wells and interest on the scholarship fund and a note for the sale of a Fort Collins, Colo., radio station.

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Dole keeps speaking; charities benefit

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Receiving the largest donation, $8,000, was Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., which Dole and his wife, Elizabeth, attend.

Two Salina charities shared in the Dole money. The Red Baron Ambucs received $2,000, and the fund drive to build the Dean Evans Stadium received $1,000.

Other charities in north-central and northwest Kansas to share in the Dole money are the Huck Boyd Foundation of Phillipsburg, $2,000; Trinity United Methodist Church of Russell, $4,000; the Russell County 4-H Development Fund, $1,000; and the Fort Hays State University Endowment Association, $2,000.

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