

# Dole says GOP future depends on Perot voters

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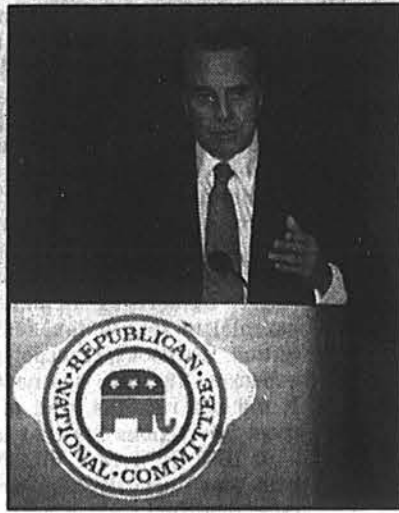
CHICAGO — Senate Republican leader Bob Dole labeled Ross Perot a "walking soundbite" Friday, yet beseeched the Texan's supporters to join the GOP fold and vent their fury at Congress by expelling Democrats in 1994.

While taking time in a speech and later news conference to poke at Perot, Dole told the Republican National Committee the GOP's future depended heavily on winning back the Republicans who deserted the party to support the Dallas billionaire.

Dole also renewed his sharp, familiar criticism of President Clinton's economic plan as tax-heavy and told the GOP leaders the party could block Clinton's agenda if it picks up seven Senate seats next year to regain the majority.

"We'll turn off the lights. We'll set the agenda," Dole said. "We'll cut the Clinton term in half if we have 51 votes."

Dole's tweaks at Perot included a prediction that 1992's surprising independent candidate would fare poorly if he ran in 1996 as a Repu-



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lican — a race likely to include Dole himself.

"I don't think in the Republican Party he would win primaries," Dole said.

Citing a new poll by a Democratic group showing that the majority of Perot's support came from Repu-

can ranks and that anger at Congress was the single-biggest factor in their alienation, Dole offered this entreaty to Perot's army:

"Keep in mind one thing: the Democrats have controlled the Congress almost completely for the past four decades." Later, Dole added, "Give us the opportunity to govern and if we don't change things in four to eight years, then kick us out."

Dole said Republicans shared much of the Perot agenda: support for deficit reduction, a line-item veto and balanced budget amendment. But in citing areas where Republicans and Perot supporters have common ground, Dole still said it would "be very difficult" for the GOP to win the defectors back. And he couldn't resist aiming a few barbs at Perot himself.

"I know he likes what he is doing and he's pretty good at it," Dole said of Perot, who has since winning 19 percent in the presidential race has pledged to turn his organization into a powerful national political force. "He is a walking soundbite."

## The editor's opinion

### Bob Dole: Hopeful

Others are too busy to run for president

There are many ways to rankle Kansans these days and most of them have something to do with the weather or Bob Dole.

The weather we know about. Floods with intermittent steam. This state now has more water between its borders than Hawaii, and more lowland humidity than a Malaysian rain forest at noon.

But the wash of speculation about Bob Dole moves on a jetstream from the eastern front and may take another year or two to crest. Writers and broadcasters, who are closer to the senator than we, are sending reports almost daily of his status as the nation's top Republican.

These are garnished with authority

and insight, as though his prime standing was somehow not enough in itself and that we cannot go on about our lives just knowing this.

We must be told by experts that Bob Dole is the best-known, most qualified and experienced among the Republicans now mentioned as presidential candidates in three years. Others on the Republican list include Dick Cheney, Jack Kemp, Lamar Alexander and Dan Quayle.

We can only guess why Nancy Kassebaum is not on the list. But a clue does emerge, and it lies in use of the term "hopeful."

This list is of people who are said to be hopeful that they are nominated for president. Sen. Kassebaum is apparently not hopeful, not interested in the wool-gathering for a race that is 36 months away.

That should tell us something about Nancy Kassebaum. She is too busy and thus too popular for such foolishness. She has never been known to fight a roller shade that has lost its spring.

## Dole's press secretary to work for McDonald's

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Walt Riker said he received a McOffer he couldn't refuse.

Riker, long-time press secretary to U.S. Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., will be leaving Capitol Hill in early August to work for McDonald's Corp. in Oak Brook, Ill.



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Riker, 46, and nearly as quick with a quip as his boss, will become director of public affairs communications for the fast-food chain. The Kansas City Star reported.

In that position, Riker will be involved in all aspects of the chain's

corporate communications. He will report to Chuck Eberling, the company's director of corporate communications.

"It's a great opportunity for me and for my family," Riker, who is married and has three children, said Tuesday.

Riker earned English and journalism degrees from the University of Kansas and spent four years as a reporter for a Topeka television station before he joined Dole's staff in 1981.

"Working for Senator Dole would have been beyond my wildest dreams when I was going to K.U.," Riker said. "It's very difficult to leave because I respect him so much and I learned so much from him."



Associated Press photo

### A friendly visit

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole waves to a crowd Sunday after speaking to about 2,000 people at the 1993 Northeast Ohio Republican Picnic and Country Jam-

boree in Newbury, Ohio. Standing behind Sen. Dole is Ohio Gov. George V. Voinovich.

## Dole campaign committee agrees to pay FEC penalty

By Charles R. Babcock  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Senate Minority Leader Robert J. Dole's 1988 presidential campaign committee agreed to pay a

\$100,000 civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission — the largest in FEC history — to settle an investigation of illegal campaign donations.

The agreement, made public Friday, also called on the campaign to repay \$104,564 in excessive or prohibited donations from individuals and corporations.

The settlement said the Dole campaign "knowingly accepted" \$64,043 in prohibited donations from corporations, including two uses of corporate aircraft where reimbursement was less than allowed by law. The campaign also failed to report the receipts and dis-

bursements of 18 delegate committees.

In a statement, Dole did not dispute the commission's findings, but he criticized the process that led to the settlement.

"It's ironic that the FEC has already changed many of the rules on which they based this penalty against the campaign committee," he said. "We've learned a lot about dealing with federal agencies, and this bureaucratic process is the best example yet of why we don't need public financing of congressional campaigns."

"If it takes five and a half years and untold taxpayer dollars to audit one presidential primary campaign, just imagine how big a bureaucracy you'd need to audit 435 House campaigns and 33 Senate campaigns every two years — the FEC would be bigger than the Pentagon," Dole said. He said that much of the penalty stemmed from exceeding spending limits in Iowa and New Hampshire, limits since dropped.



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## Clinton can't count on GOP to back cuts

Los Angeles Times/Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole warned Sunday that President Clinton cannot count on Republican cooperation on the spending cuts that Clinton promised last week as a concession to get wavering Democrats to vote for his budget package.

The Dole warning, made on NBC's "Meet the Press," indicates that although Republicans are expected to be helpful to the Democratic president in his fight to pass the North American Free Trade Agreement, knives already are being sharpened for partisan fights on other fronts.

Asked if the bruising budget battle just concluded would mark an end to partisanship, Dole answered, "If they (Democrats) expect Republicans to line up now and vote for all the spending cuts after they've imposed these big, big heavy taxes, there may be some more partisanship, yes."

Clinton's budget package, a mix of tax increases and spending cuts designed to hold down the growth of projected federal budget deficits, barely squeaked through in both House and Senate, in large part because of opposition to the tax increases.

To woo Democrats who were not

keen on the package, Clinton promised to seek more spending cuts this fall, including through legislation that would give lawmakers the opportunity to propose cuts of their liking.

Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Nebr., said he would push for curbs on cost-of-living increases for Social Security recipients.

The senator, who held off support for Clinton's deficit-reduction package until the final hour last week because of misgivings about a lack of spending cuts, suggested that tinkering with Social Security might be acceptable if Congress sets an example by cutting its own pay and budget.

Responding to Dole's warning, Vice President Al Gore, on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley," said he was "disappointed" that "if he has his way, Republicans will not support spending cuts this fall."

The debate over who is to blame for the depth of partisan divisions and governmental gridlock prompted Gore to accuse Republicans of trying to revise history. Republicans say Clinton did not reach out to them to seek their advice or support on his economic package.

Said Gore, "They're trying to revise history. I personally participated in that effort to reach out and asked a whole series of Republican leaders about the possibility of creating a bipartisan approach. ... They indicated that they had been burned politically in the past, and they said privately and publicly, 'You're going to have to pass your economic plan with Democrats alone. We're not going to give you a single vote.'"

## Dole's '88 campaign levied record penalty

By The Associated Press  
WASHINGTON — Robert Dole's 1988 presidential campaign was fined a record \$100,000 in civil penalties Friday by the Federal Elections Commission.

The FEC cited a wide range of violations, including exceeding state spending limits and accepting too much money from Dole's political action committee and from individuals.

Fines against Campaign America, Dole's PAC, and other contractors and individuals accounted for another \$22,975 in penalties.

The \$100,000 civil fine is the largest ever levied against a presidential campaign committee, FEC spokesman Scott Moxley said.

"It's ironic that the FEC has already changed many of the rules on which they based this penalty against

the campaign committee," said Dole, the Senate's Republican leader.

"We've learned a lot about dealing with federal agencies, and this bureaucratic process is the best example yet of why we don't need public funding of congressional campaigns," the Kansas senator said.

According to FEC documents, Dole's ill-fated 1988 campaign for the Republican presidential nomination ran afoul of numerous election laws, including:

■ Improperly accepting \$64,043 from corporations, which are barred entirely from giving money to federal candidates.

■ Improperly accepting a total of \$239,131 from 418 different individuals, each of whom had already contributed \$1,000, the maximum primary contribution a person is allowed to make.

The next largest penalty on record was \$68,000 assessed against Democrat Walter Mondale's 1984 campaign, Moxley said.



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Dole says votes may split on party lines again.