

Dole wants to restrict U.S. role in Haiti

Kansan to introduce bill to limit use of U.S. forces

By The New York Times
 WASHINGTON — Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole said Sunday that he would introduce legislation to restrict President Clinton from committing forces for use in Haiti, except for reasons of national security.

Dole, R-Kan., said that restoring President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power was not worth a single American life and that the American people wanted more restraint on the use of troops abroad.

Administration officials responded that they would fight Dole's proposal on both legal and foreign policy grounds.

Legally, they said, such legislation would constitute an infringement on the right of the president to make foreign policy. Substantively, they said, the proposal would feed isolationist trends mounting around the country.

Dole's move, though, underscores the political price that the Clinton administration is beginning to pay for policy stumbles in Somalia and Haiti.

They have touched off a flood of efforts by a previously passive Congress to assert itself on foreign policy, to restrict presidential decision-making and to challenge the administration in an area where it had enjoyed a relatively free hand.

Clinton, already scrambling to deal with the complex foreign policy problems in Haiti and

Somalia with shrinking political support at home, can little afford to have his room for maneuver further constricted by Congress.

"First the Republicans said Clinton can't be trusted to use force, and now they say, 'Hey, he is using force, people might get hurt, we better stop him,'" a Clinton aide said. "Make up your minds."

Administration officials said that not only would they resist having their hands tied on Haiti, but that they also were reviewing all of their options on how to respond to the crisis.

They said the administration has not ruled out some sort of military effort to restore Aristide forcibly with the help of other members of the Organization of American States.

Administration officials said they viewed the Dole announcement as part of a competition

among Republican presidential contenders to draw attention to themselves by outbidding one another in attacking the Clinton foreign policy.

Dole, who sent the White House a copy of his proposal on Thursday, telephoned the president from the CBS News studio before announcing his intentions on "Face The Nation."

"I just talked to the president about 25 minutes ago by telephone and indicated that I want to cooperate with the administration where I can," said Dole, who had worked with the administration to block congressional efforts to force the administration to pull out of Somalia.

"But I think based on what we've seen in Somalia and what we're seeing in maybe Bosnia and Haiti, there is going to be an effort in Congress to exert more authority."



Sen. Bob Dole opposes the use of more U.S. troops in Haiti.

Rural hospitals to share \$31 million in aid

By LINDA MOWERY-DENNING
The Salina Journal

Rural hospitals in Kansas and other states will share in \$31.1 million included in a measure that has received final congressional approval, Kansas Sen. Bob Dole said Tuesday.

The Senate late Monday voted to send to the president the Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill.

The money provided in the legislation would finance two programs to increase access to health care in rural states. The two programs are the Essential Access Community Hospital-Rural Health Primary Care Hospital Program and the Rural Health Care Transition Grant Program.

EACH and PCH has provided more than \$4.8



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million in funding for Kansas hospitals during its two years of existence, Dole said.

Only Kansas and six other states are eligible for funding under this program.

An EACH hospital provides emergency and medical backup services to the primary care hospitals in its network. A PCH hospital is a smaller facility in a rural area that provides 24-hour emergency care and devotes no more than six beds to short-term or 72-hour inpatient care to those who require stabilization before being sent to another hospital.

In north-central Kansas, the Jewell County Hospital at Mankato is a PCH with ties to Asbury-Salina Regional Medical Center, an EACH hospital.

Charlie Grimwood, a vice president at Asbury, said there was concern this summer over the program's future after Congress failed to include funding in an earlier appropriations bill.

Final regulations for the program were released in May.

"It is good news that it has been included," Grimwood said of the money approved this week by Congress. "I think the way they have designed the program, it will be of benefit to some rural hospitals, but not all rural hospitals. It will primarily benefit smaller hospitals, where there is concern about maintaining a long-term hospital. What this allows is for a small hospital to convert from being a 'hospital' to a rural primary care hospital. That type of facility puts a stronger emphasis on emergency and ambulatory care and less on inpatient care."

Hospitals that are licensed as a rural primary care hospital are to receive more favorable reimbursement from Medicare and regulations will be less of a cost factor.

"The rules will still be there, but they will be less restrictive," Grimwood said.

With the rules established, he said Asbury will be working with the Jewell County Hospital "to put all the pieces together so they can complete certification."

The Rural Grant Transition Program assists rural hospitals with fewer than 100 beds in developing and implementing projects to modify the type and extent of services they provide. In Kansas, funding has been used to explore ways to offer new services to scattered rural populations and to recruit physicians.

"As we consider reforming America's health care system, we must do what we can to preserve and promote health care delivery in rural communities," Dole said in a news release. "These innovative programs have helped improve the delivery of medical services across Kansas, and I'm pleased that our state can look forward to another dose of this good medicine from Washington."

Dole says he wants balance in foreign policy

By Janet Hook
Congressional Quarterly

WASHINGTON — Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., has bounced awkwardly between the roles of partisan critic and unexpected ally of President Clinton as Congress grapples with foreign policy in the confusing post-Cold War world.

At one point, Dole was among the leading advocates of protecting Clinton's power to shape U.S. policy in Somalia. But days later, he proposed strict limits on the president's ability to deploy troops in Haiti and Bosnia.

Dole, who accused Democrats



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in Congress of trying to "micro-manage" foreign policy during the Republican administrations of Ronald Reagan and George Bush, was seen as doing just that.

"If it were a Democrat doing that to Bush or Reagan, we'd be outraged," said his Kansas Republican colleague, Sen. Nancy Landon Kassebaum.

Denying any inconsistency, Dole said he was trying to find "some balance between the Congress and the president" in foreign policy.

"I don't believe we should tie the president's hands, but I don't think Congress should sit on its hands, either," Dole said, after agreeing to water down his Haiti and Bosnia proposals.

Dole has reason to hedge: He is currently regarded as a leading contender for the 1996 GOP presidential nomination, an honor he sought and lost to Bush in 1988.

Dole emphasized that he had favored congressional authorization during the last major national debate over military intervention, the buildup to the Persian Gulf War.

But just before Bush sent U.S. troops into combat in the gulf in 1991, Dole told his colleagues, "The best chance for peace and the best hope for peace is to strengthen the president's hand anyway we can."

Since the GOP lost the White House, Dole has been Washington's leading Republican spokesman. Earlier this year, he won kudos from fellow Republicans for helping forge a united GOP front to fight Clinton's economic program. But Dole's relentless opposition to Clinton early on posed the risk of casting Republicans in general — and Dole in particular — as incessantly negative.

Many Republicans, including Dole, welcomed the opportunity to play a more positive role in policy-making on the health-care and trade issues that have come to the fore this fall.

Dole found another opportunity to cooperate with the president during the Senate's debate on Somalia the week of Oct. 11. He angered many conservative Republicans — and put himself at odds with a majority of his 44-member Republican conference — when he opposed an amendment to immediately cut off funding for the Somalia operation.

"It ties the president's hands," said Dole.

He showed no such concern about proposing restrictions on U.S. intervention in Haiti and Bosnia, maintaining the situation there was different. In Somalia, he said, the president needed flexibility because American

troops already were on the ground and at risk. In Haiti and Bosnia, U.S. troops had not yet been committed. "I think Congress has a right to be heard," Dole said.

As with the Somalia amendment, Dole's fellow Republicans were divided over his approach. "I have very grave constitutional concerns," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. "I don't see how you can prospectively tell the commander in chief what he can or cannot do."

Those differences were emblematic of the lack of consensus among Republicans, "now that they have moved beyond their unanimous opposition to Clinton's economic program."

"On foreign policy at this point, we're all off on our own," Kassebaum said. "I don't know if there is a coherent Republican policy."

Dole: Summit to focus on rural health care

By Ray Hemman
The Hutchinson News

When federal health and congressional officials descend on Garden City Saturday, they will focus on the impact of national health care plans on rural areas, Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., said Monday.

"Saturday in Garden City, we are going to devote much of the time to rural health care," the Senate minority leader said during a telephone press conference with Kansas journalists. "How do we get to managed competition and managed care in smaller towns? Garden City is pretty good sized, compared to a lot of western Kansas towns."

"We are going to have a lot of the experts there. It's going to be an opportunity for people to see, up close, sort of an outline of the president's plan, some of the Republican plans, there are the Democratic plans. We think it is an opportunity for information. When we planned this, we didn't know that the bill wouldn't be introduced until two or three days before our meeting."

The summit begins at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Clifford Hope Auditorium of Garden City High School. A similar meeting will be held in Kansas City, Mo., on Friday.

Garden City was picked for the

Dole strikes back at Goldwater's sniping

The Associated Press
 WASHINGTON — Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, criticized last week by former Senate colleague Barry Goldwater for having "a mean little temper," said Monday he thought the description better fit Goldwater.

The 84-year-old Goldwater, who was the GOP presidential nominee in 1964, criticized Dole last week over efforts to limit President Clinton's authority to

order troops to Haiti.

In an interview with the editorial boards of The Arizona Republic and The Phoenix Gazette, Goldwater said Dole isn't presidential material, has "a mean little temper" and suggested he "ought to go home."

"Barry's getting old, you know," Dole said during a telephone interview with Kansas reporters. "You never know what he's going to say. He's for gays in the military."

"I think the guy that's got a mean little temper is named Goldwater," the Kansan said. "I've known him for a long time, and I've put up with a lot of his stuff."

Dole said he hasn't seen Goldwater for a long time and doesn't care to. And he said he thought he might have made a mistake when he supported him for president in 1964, when Goldwater was soundly defeated by Democrat Lyndon Johnson.

Midwest Summit on Health Care because it was a good fit for the event.

"We thought it was a good place to go," Dole said. "We'd been at Hays last year. Had a hearing there. It wasn't quite as far west. You've got a good growing community in Garden City. A lot of physicians there. A good hospital. We thought it was a pretty good setting for an average-sized rural American area — actually larger than many of our western towns — we thought it was a good place to go."

Portions of the meetings may be televised on C-Span, Dole said. The makeup of the proposed plan

may affect Kansans more than residents in other states because of the demographics of the state's workforce.

"Eighty-one or 82 percent of the employers in Kansas have 20 or fewer employees," Dole said. "We are a small-business state. We have only 66 firms with 1,000 or more employees and only a couple with 5,000 or more. So we are a small-business state."

"We don't like employer mandates. It's not that employers don't want to cover their employees. It's a question of what they are going to have to do to pay the added cost. Now, if they are small enough, they can prob-

ably get subsidies from the federal government. But a lot of employers don't want to start down that road. We've seen what has happened to agriculture with the subsidy programs and the ups and downs in agriculture. We don't know how long these subsidies would last for small business people."

Dole said that there still was space available for both conferences and that interested individuals should call his office or the offices of Sen. Nancy Kassebaum or Rep. Pat Roberts, both R-Kan. He did not feel the \$15 registration fee would be prohibitive, but if anyone thought it

would, they should call his office.

The Senate minority leader also said he feels "pretty good" about the chances for the North American Free Trade Agreement to get passed. The pact faces a crucial test in November when the House is scheduled to vote on it.

The senator said he finds many people who favor the agreement.

"My view is we are going to gain from it," he said. "So is Mexico and so is Canada. Maybe the Canadian election today will have some impact, but not much, on the vote in Congress. My view is let's get it done. This is the one bill we've had from this administration that possibly create some jobs."

"In my visits around Kansas and meeting with small business people and farmers and others, I find most people in support of it except for organized labor and some of the sort of Democratic farm groups."

Intense populist lobbying by businessman and one-time presidential candidate H. Ross Perot will not be a factor.

"I don't think Ross Perot is going to be a factor," he said. "He can go out and have all the dog-and-pony shows he wants, but nobody is so afraid of Ross Perot that they are going to vote against the package."

EDITORIALS

Documentary About Dole

We don't know what you thought about it, but frankly, we were disappointed in the "60 Minutes" documentary about Bob Dole presented by CBS Sunday night. We did not think the documentary did much for Dole or for Russell.

A "60 Minutes" crew, Dole and his wife Elizabeth, were here in September preparing the documentary. They took a host of pictures around town, and we were aghast that they did not show many of them.

About the only pictures they showed of Russell were Dole and "60 Minutes" moderator Steve Croft walking alongside one of the storage buildings formerly owned by Norris Grain Company of Salina and now owned by AGCO, Inc. They also displayed a picture of Dole entering the Coast to Coast store. Owners G. M. Bowser and his wife Janis were in the doorway.

We would have thought that the national audience would have been interested in a picture of the house in which Dole was born, a good picture of his parents' house, which he now owns, and a picture of the office of the elevator which his father managed and Dole Produce, which he owned.

They also could have shown the house in which Dole and his first wife, Phyllis, lived when his daughter Robin was born.

The County Courthouse, where he was county attorney and practiced law for eight years, could have been of interest, as well as the historical marker where he and President Gerald R. Ford accepted the nomination for president and vice president in 1976 after the Republican National Convention held in Kansas City, Mo.

The Russell derrick sign on Wichita Avenue near the east edge of Russell, the Russell sign on Interstate 70, the golf course, his church (Trinity United Methodist), our modern sports com-

plex, the high school building where he was graduated in 1941, the new high school and the school mascot, the elementary schools, the new school addition now near completion, Russell Regional Hospital, the City Building, the newspaper building, in picture form, all would have told the story of Dole's hometown. Little was pictured that spoke well and gave a good impression of our city, not even an oil field pumpjack, AGCO's elevators with the wheat drawing, cattle, the downtown mural, nor the Deines Cultural Center.

There were so many other aspects of Dole's life that would have been of interest to the television audience and which would have left a better impression of him as a potential candidate for the presidency and of Russell as a beautiful city.

They could have presented interviews with Russell people, and explained how the community came to Dole's aid after World War II by raising money for surgeries in Chicago.

The picture shown of Elizabeth Dole was not good. The "60 Minutes" crew took pictures of her at the meeting of the Noon Kiwanis Club, one of which would have been a better choice.

They also could have talked about the various offices Dole has held: State representative, county attorney for eight years, congressman for eight years, senator for 24 years; a former chairman of the National Republican Party; vice presidential candidate; twice a candidate for president; and majority and minority leader in the Senate.

Frankly, CBS, next to KOOD Channel 9, is our favorite television media, and "60 Minutes" is one of our favorite programs. But we certainly thought CBS could have done a better job on the Dole documentary. Maybe they will come back again and do another presentation about Dole. — A.D.E.

Presidential Stuff

Barry Goldwater, the grand old man of the Grand Old Party, says the Republican's top dog these days doesn't have the right bite to be president.

Goldwater says our own Bob Dole doesn't have the stuff to run the nation.

Bull.

Goldwater told Arizona's editors that Dole's "mean little temper" and his attack against the president's foreign policy actions were indications Dole wasn't made of presidential stuff.

There's no doubt Dole has a temper, and we're glad he shows it. The nation could have used a temper earlier in Somalia. A temper might solve a host of problems the nation faces.

Bob Dole has his flaws, and we disagree with some of his actions, but to suggest he doesn't have the stuff it takes to be president is misguided.

The outspoken Goldwater is a savvy political pro from Arizona, a state

that seems to revel in corruption and oddballs and presidential wannabes, which would include Goldwater himself, who retired from politics in 1987 after a salty career.

Sounds like he's still being salty.

Dole will be interviewed tonight on the CBS program "60 Minutes," a broadcast that might reveal whether he is made of presidential timber. We suspect it will. — The Hutchinson News

Editor's Note: This editorial appeared in the Sunday, Oct. 24, issue of The Hutchinson News. We have left it in past tense on purpose. As for Barry Goldwater, he showed his ineptitude for the presidency in his Republican National Convention acceptance speech in 1964, so who is he to judge whether Dole's bite always comes from the right side of his mouth.