

### Dole: Clinton shouldn't focus on gun control

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WASHINGTON — President Clinton should back away from gun control and focus instead on supporting the Senate's anti-crime bill, Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole said Friday.



"Unfortunately, the president is squandering a golden opportunity with his recent

public statements in support of new gun-control initiatives," Dole said.

"The president is putting the cart before the horse. He should be lending his public support to the solid anti-crime initiatives now pending in Congress," Dole added.

Dole, R-Kan., and Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., urged Clinton in a letter Friday to "use the resources of your office" to rally public support around the tougher version of a crime bill, now before a House-Senate conference committee that will attempt to

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reach a compromise next year. "The American people deserve the toughest anti-crime bill possible, not a watered-down version

of 'Crime Bill Lite,' as some members of Congress would prefer," the senators wrote. "A public statement by you endorsing the proposals in this letter would make a big difference."

Clinton said Friday he would continue to seek tougher gun controls in the new year. He said the Brady law, which mandates a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases and background checks of buyers, was a first step.

"But it is nowhere near enough. It is the beginning, and we have got to move forward," the president said.

Among the provisions of the Senate crime bill is a requirement that violent offenders serve 85 percent of their sentences. Dole and D'Amato wrote that the murder of 12-year-old Polly Klaas in California could have been avoided if that were the current law.

"Press reports indicate that her alleged murderer was a twice-convicted kidnapper who was paroled after serving just eight years of a 16-year sentence," they wrote.

The Senate crime bill also would build 10 new regional prisons, set new minimum penalties for criminals who use guns, enact a new anti-gang law and impose the death penalty on drug kingpins.

"It's time the president stands up and voices his support for a bill that would really get tough on crime and criminals," Dole said.

Dole and D'Amato also asked Clinton in the letter for support in resurrecting two provisions discarded from the crime bill: preventing those judged "mentally incompetent" from having a gun and imposing tougher penalties on those who rob gun stores.

### Health PACS back Dole

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January 1979 until October this year.

Dole has received \$703,794 since 1979. He and others say money doesn't influence health-care debate.

WASHINGTON — Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas is among the biggest beneficiaries in Congress of health-related campaign contributions, according to a report released Monday.

The Citizen Action non-profit consumer group found that political action committees and individuals with an interest in health care gave Dole \$703,794 from

Dole ranks 10th on the list of senators in terms of health-related contributions over the 14-year period, but he said that doesn't influence his position in the upcoming health-care debate.

"PAC contributions have never made a bit of difference about what I've done or who I've spoken up for," Dole said.

Rep. Dan Glickman, who received

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\$203,883 over the same period, said he didn't see "anything inherently evil" in the contributions but acknowledged the money serves a definite purpose.

"Those who give would just as soon nothing be done to change the status quo," said Glickman, D-Wichita. "On balance, it's not a healthy scenario, but I don't think members of Congress knowingly sell out their votes for this kind of money."

Dole is a sponsor of a major Republican alternative to President Clinton's health reform plan, expected to be the dominant issue in Congress next year. The Kansas senator is also a member of the Finance Committee, one of the panels expected to develop the legislation.

Insurance PACs led the way for Dole with \$322,429, followed by doctors, hospitals and pharmaceutical companies with a combined \$286,615, and \$94,750 from individuals affiliated with one of the groups, who each gave at least \$200 apiece.

In contrast, Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., has received just \$83,448 from health-

related PACs and individuals since 1979, the report found. About \$27,000 of that came from insurance PACs.

Kassebaum is the top Republican on the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, which also will have a major role in the health-care debate.

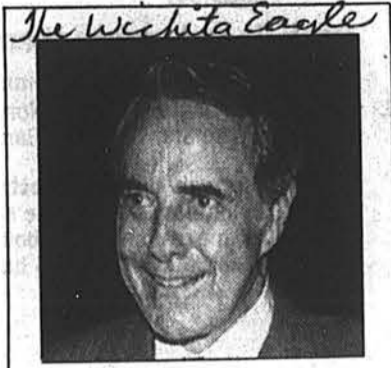
In the House, Glickman's totals rank second among the Kansas delegation to Rep. Jim Slattery's \$321,524 since 1979, including \$21,800 in 1993.

The Topeka Democrat, who is running for governor of Kansas, sits on another key panel, the House Energy and Commerce Committee. He can't use House campaign money for his race for governor.

The report identified Slattery's top benefactors as doctors, hospitals and pharmaceutical companies, which gave a combined \$162,053. Insurance PACs gave another \$135,171.

Slattery said the total amounts to "less than 10 or 15 percent" of the total he's raised in six competitive elections.

"I get political support from a broad range of people," he said. "The broader the base, the more assurance the people have that you're not captive to any one interest group."



Sen. Bob Dole

### Feds OK \$1 million for police

By Tom Webb

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WASHINGTON — Wichita's on-again, off-again quest for \$1 million in federal community policing money appears to be on again.

Officials at the Department of Justice have assured the staff of Sen. Bob Dole, a Russell Republican, that they intend to fully finance Wichita's request for a one-year grant that would put more police on the city's streets, Dole said Thursday.

The \$1 million request has a long and complicated history, and even now the decision is not final. But Dole was confident enough to announce that "Wichita will likely receive \$1 million to help fight crime and violence." The offi-

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cial announcement is expected next spring.

"Hot dog!" Mayor Elma Broadfoot said when she got the news Thursday. "That's great."

For more than a year now, Wichita has sought federal aid so it can hire 20 additional police officers to patrol the city's highest-crime areas.

The one-year grant would allow the officers to be on the streets quickly, and city funds would be used thereafter.

"We will use it to reinforce our efforts to develop community policing," Broadfoot said. "It won't replace in any way the \$1 million we have already committed. This is in addition to that."

After Wichita was initially turned down for its funding request, Dole

and fellow Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, a Wichita Republican, earmarked \$1 million for the city in an appropriations bill as it went through the Senate. That language was later softened, but the senators' intent was nevertheless clear.

Justice Department officials who administer the program could not be reached for comment.

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### Dole will try for presidency, colleague says

Associated Press

BEDFORD, N.H. — Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole won't say it, but a colleague will: Dole will probably run for president in 1996.

During a two-day visit to New Hampshire that wrapped up Thursday, Assistant Senate Minority Leader Alan Simpson said he's definitely not running, but the Kansas senator

probably will.

"The guy just has unbelievable stamina, crisscrossing the country. I don't know where he gets it," Simpson said of Dole.

Dole has made several visits to New Hampshire since last year's election, including a weeklong "vacation" last summer. New Hampshire is the site of the nation's first

presidential primary.

Simpson, who was accompanying Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., was quick to make his political intentions clear.

"The only condition on which I would come was that you (Smith) tell every individual you come in contact with that I don't care one whit about running for president," Simpson said.

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### Dole: No need for Packwood to resign his Senate post yet

By Ray Hemman  
The Hutchinson News

Bob Dole disagreed with his fellow Kansas senator Monday on her suggestion last week that Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Oregon, should resign.

Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., said Thursday that the investigation of Packwood had become "all-consuming" and questioned whether the Oregonian could effectively serve his state. Packwood has been accused of unwanted sexual advances by women on his staff, lobbyists and other women.

"I think she's off base," said Dole, the Senate minority leader. "He's not been found guilty of anything. Just because the Ethics Committee says so, doesn't mean he should pull up his tent and go home."

Dole was in Hutchinson Monday to meet with members of the National Association of Convenience Stores at the Hutchinson Airport.

Last week, the Packwood case was back in the news because the Oregonian had been accused of tampering with evidence requested by Senate investigators.

If the diaries and related audio tapes are Packwood's personal belongings, he should have the right to do with them as he pleases, Dole said. The public or private nature of those items are being considered by federal courts, he added.

Dole said he is concerned about whether his Republican colleague can get a fair hearing in the Senate if other senators are making up their minds without hearing all the evidence.

"We (senators) are supposed to be the jury. How can we be the jury if we go ahead and decide beforehand?"

Dole also said the intent of the Brady Bill could be far more effectively realized with language in a crime bill that has been sent to House/Senate conference committee. The Brady Bill requires a five-day waiting period and background check before buying a handgun.

The recently passed Brady Bill, however, has a major loophole. The background check, waiting period and registration of handguns apply only to weapons bought through licensed dealers. Sales between private owners are not covered by the law.

The crime bill would establish an instant computerized check

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### Dole asks Senate to keep open mind on Packwood

By Dave Ranney  
The Wichita Eagle

U.S. Sen. Bob Dole joined the fracas over Sen. Bob Packwood of Oregon on Monday, saying the Senate should not take further action against him until after a court decides whether Packwood sexually harassed women and tampered with evidence.

Sen. Nancy Kassebaum called last week for Packwood to resign, saying he had lost his effectiveness in the Senate. Kassebaum, Dole and Packwood are Republicans.

Speaking in Wichita, Dole said that Packwood "has been charged, but he hasn't had a hearing or anything else. Nobody has found him guilty of anything.

"My view is that he's entitled to his rights just like anyone else in America," Dole said. "He's in court now, we'll see what the court does."

Dole said senators need to keep an open mind about Packwood because, eventually, they may be asked to decide his future in the Senate.

Packwood is accused of making unwanted sexual advances to women on his staff, to lobbyists and to other women.

The Senate Ethics Committee has investigated the case for several months.

Kassebaum said last week that the issue has become so all-consuming for Packwood that he can no longer effectively represent Oregon's interests in the Senate.

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system for the purchase of guns. "We've got 18 million names of convicted felons, individuals who are mentally incompetent and others who shouldn't own guns," Dole said. "We are not using that service. In two years, we can have a system up and running. If you put your card in the machine and it says 'Tilt,' you don't get your gun."

And Dole maintained that waiting periods don't stop crime. California already has a 15-day waiting period yet has a high incidence of gun-related crime.

Dole is spending the final week before Christmas in a series of public appearances and family events. Sunday, he spent the day at his family home in Russell with two sisters, a sister-in-law and their families from across Kansas.

"I've got a plane full of popcorn balls; don't know how I'll get them all back," he said, motioning to the rented Beech King Air on the tarmac. Dole flew commercial to Kansas City over the weekend where the turboprop was rented for his travels around Kansas for public appearances in Hutchinson, Wichita and Kansas City Monday. He was to fly back via commercial airlines Monday night.

The Kansas City Chiefs/San Diego Chargers game was a centerpiece of Sunday's activities in the Dole household.

"It's a small world," he said. "They were interviewing Alex Spanos, Chargers owner. He was stationed at Walker Air Base ... He was talking about all the people he knew in Russell."

Walker Air Base was located between Russell and Hays. Dole said he and his wife, Elizabeth, would be spending Christmas with her 92-year-old mother in North Carolina, taking off for the holiday on Thursday.