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## Senate OKs looser water rules

### Impact of change subject of debate

New York Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Eight years after it voted to drastically tighten the purity standards for tap water, the Senate decided Thursday that it had overreached and voted 95-3 to loosen them again.

Whether the Senate's changes, made to the Safe Drinking Water Act, would actually increase the existing tiny risks of drinking tap water was in some dispute.

Environmental groups called the vote a victory for the pesticide lobby and for financially strapped water companies and said the bill would let water utilities leave more cancer-causing compounds in their water.

The senators, in turn, argued that the current law was so Draconian that no one had been able to meet all its dictates anyway, including the Environmental Protection Agency, which has the responsibility to enforce the law.

"In 1986, Congress passed amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, which overdid it, went too far," said the chief sponsor of the latest amendments, Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont. "We are trying to make the system work better than it would work under the 1986 amendments."

It was an awkward moment for

the Clinton administration, which came to power with the environmental movement's backing but endorsed the Senate legislation anyway.

The House was expected to take up its version of the water law later this summer, and administration officials expressed hope that it would produce a tougher measure.

Among scores of changes, the bill includes a \$6.6 billion revolving loan fund to help utilities buy the equipment needed to meet federal purity standards. It also allows small water systems to obtain waivers to allow them to filter pollutants with less costly and slightly less effective machinery than the state-of-the-art equipment the law now requires.

Many groups criticized an amendment added Wednesday evening by Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, the minor-

ity leader, that would require every government agency to conduct a separate analysis of any proposal that could either confiscate private property or affect its value.

"It could end up being a bill-killer," said Erik Olson, a lawyer with the Natural Resources Defense Council, an national environmental group, who called it an attempt to shackle federal agencies.

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## Amendment limits government actions

By The Associated Press

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reaucrats do not continue to run over individual citizens and individual rights," Dole said.

Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., said the impact of the threatened spotted owl on the Northwest timber industry is a prime example of a government regulation lowering the value of land.

"Private property owners rightly deserve compensation for land which is rendered useless due to federal actions," Gorton said.

Opponents, including most environmental groups, contend the amendment would tangle important government initiatives in red tape, cost taxpayers a great deal of money and provide landowners with more avenues to file lawsuits.

"We think it's extremely disappointing and irresponsible," said Carolyn Hartman, an attorney with the U.S. Public Interest Research Group. "Under the guise of, 'we've got to protect the little guy's property,' they wind up sticking it to the taxpayer."

Hartman said the courts already are handling complaints from landowners about the impact of government regulations.

"This is a solution in search of a problem," she said.

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## Dole, Kemp headline Republican conference

By The Associated Press

MORRISVILLE, N.C. — Sen. Lauch Faircloth didn't mince words when he introduced Bob Dole at a Republican conference Saturday: "Can you imagine Bob and Elizabeth Dole in the White House rather than what is over there now?" he asked.

While an audience of hundreds cheered loudly, the Senate minority leader from Kansas brushed off questions about his plans for 1996, saying instead he intends to focus on the GOP's chance to gain seats in Congress this fall.

"We've got an opportunity," Dole said before he spoke at the North Carolina Republican Party's 1994 Special Issues Conference. "I think that's where my focus ought to be. I do have an interest in 1996. I haven't made any decision."

Another Republican considered to be a presidential contender, former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp, also dismissed questions about 1996.

"There is no 'Kemp for president,'" he said in response to a question. "I'm campaigning for '94 ... for more men and women in Congress."

Dole covered a variety of topics during his speech, including the GOP's future, President Clinton's health care legislation and defense spending.

He said Republicans are concerned about health care, but they won't support proposals that include more bureaucracy and price controls. The GOP supports malpractice reform, offering vouchers for low-income families and helping businesses pool their resources to buy health insurance, he said.

"We could pass it in two days," Dole said. "But, no, this is President Clinton's centerpiece. This is the centerpiece of President Clinton's first and only term."

He also criticized the Democratic leadership for watering down legislation that's supposed to get tough on crime.

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## Rockefeller lashes out at Bob Dole

By EDWIN CHEN  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A health care-debate between leading Republican and Democratic senators grew sharply partisan Sunday as Sen. John "Jay" D. Rockefeller IV, D-W.Va., accused Senate GOP leader Bob Dole of Kansas of opposing reform in order to advance his presidential ambitions.

"See, I think Bob Dole is really a major problem here. He wants to be president in '96," said Rockefeller, who is President Clinton's congressional ally on health-care reform.

Rockefeller also accused other, unnamed Republicans of "stalling and saying no" to all Democratic overtures on a number of key compromises. Dole wasn't present during the debate on NBC's "Meet the Press," but panelist Sen. John H. Chafee, R-R.I., dismissed Rockefeller's charges as "a little bizarre" and derided the West Virginian as "captain of the Titanic."

Their exchange was noteworthy on several scores.

It reflected the growing frustration among many Democrats in Congress and the administration at the snail-like legislative pace on what they hope will be the centerpiece of Clinton's first term.

It now seems all but certain that no committee in either the House or Senate will be able to report out a bill by the end of this week, when Congress begins a Memorial Day recess.

Also, such harsh words — and in so public a forum — cast doubt on whether genuine bipartisanship on the issue can prevail, as nearly everyone in both parties has preached.

Finally, the partisan accusations provided a glimpse of the rancor and recriminations that undoubtedly will mar the fall congressional campaign if Congress adjourns without enacting health reform this year.

The Chafee-Rockefeller exchange also served as a reminder of the unpredictable course that health care-reform legislation is likely to take, with many twists and turns in the months ahead.

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## Dole headed for Europe, Sarajevo

D-Day events, relief mission on agenda

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole left Wednesday for a six-day European trip to mark D-Day and other World War II anniversaries and to visit Sarajevo, which has been shattered by a modern war.

Dole is scheduled to visit the Bosnian capital Sunday and will be bringing humanitarian supplies donated by companies from Kansas and elsewhere, including shoes, children's clothing, books, blankets, medical supplies and toys.

"This kind of relief work wouldn't be possible without the outstanding work of the U.S. military and the Kansas National Guard, which has been invaluable in assembling and transporting relief supplies to be delivered to Bosnia," he said.

Dole, a persistent critic of the U.N. arms embargo against Bosnia and President Clinton's policies toward the war-torn republic, plans to meet with the U.S. ambassador in Split, Croatia, on Sunday.

Some supplies will be transported on a U.N. aircraft that will carry Dole into Sarajevo. The rest will be flown in later, the senator's staff said.

Dole, who was seriously wounded in Italy during the waning days of World War II, is to return Friday to the town where he was hit by German machine-gun fire. Other veterans of the 10th Mountain Division

### MEMORIES OF D-DAY WITH CITYLINE CALL

The Wichita Eagle Cityline is offering special World War II programs — updated daily — including reminiscences from veterans who served in units that were part of the D-Day assault. Callers can hear these special programs, which continue through Monday, by dialing 436-1200 and punching up category 6914.

are expected to visit Castel d'Aiano and tour Hill 913, scene of the fierce fighting in 1945.

After that, Dole is to take part in Saturday's commemoration of the liberation of Rome.

Following the visit to Bosnia, Dole plans to participate in Monday's D-Day ceremonies at Utah and Omaha beaches along the French coast as well as a big event at the U.S. cemetery in Normandy.

Kansas companies donating supplies for Sarajevo include MedVentures Inc. and Payless Shoe Source of Topeka and Weaver's of Lawrence. Others taking part are Foot Locker, the Gap, Spiegel, Montgomery Ward, Parisian, F.W. Woolworth & Co., Home's, Kmart and Beacon Manufacturing.

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## Diaries provide glimpse of Dole's days of vitriol

By Tom Webb

Eagle Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — When the Nixon White House wanted to savage its enemies, it often gave the task to a volatile young senator from Kansas named Bob Dole, according to the just-published diaries of Nixon's top aide, H.R. Haldeman.

Sometimes Dole's target was Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., with personal orders from President Nixon to "take Teddy on mercilessly."

Sometimes it was Sen. Hubert Humphrey, D-Minn., whom Dole should attack for "undercutting the Commander-in-chief and risking our men" in Vietnam.

And sometimes it was the Democratic Party with Nixon wanting Dole to "attack the attack" ... (for) trying to smear an innocent man, at that sort of thing."

Again and again in the early 1970s, the Haldeman diaries show, Dole willingly played the role of Nixon's attack man. Dole performed too well for some administration officials, who late in 1971 debated whether the Kansas Republic-

should be appointed to head the Republican National Committee.

"The general feeling is very strongly against Dole on the grounds that he is divisive rather than inclusive and that his appointment would be a signal that we were taking the wrong direction politically," Haldeman wrote on Dec. 15, 1970.

Dole did win that appointment, only to be unceremoniously dumped after Nixon's 1972 re-election — a blessing in disguise that enabled the Kansas senator to escape the worst of the Watergate scandal that led to Nixon's resignation in 1974.

Dole declined Wednesday to comment directly on the Haldeman diaries, which are being published this week; Haldeman, who died in November, left it up to his wife to release them. Dole's spokesman noted that after Dole left the party chairmanship, Nixon thanked the senator repeatedly for his service to the Republican Party.

But some who have heard excerpts say the diaries reflect the classic early Dole: ambitious, slashing, loyal, volatile, insecure — traits that the Nixon White House seemed eager to exploit.

"It's a relatively astute reading of Dole," said Burdett Loomis, a political science professor at the University of Kansas. "They correctly ascertained that he'd do that sort of stuff."

Loomis added, "You kind of wonder if Nixon saw a little bit of himself in Dole's willingness because Nixon had played that role for many years."

Yet Loomis cautions that the Haldeman diaries capture a Dole now two decades gone — Bob Dole as a greenhorn senator.

"We've grown so used to Bob Dole as Finance Committee head, the majority leader, the minority lead-

er, the vice presidential candidate, that we forget there was an earlier Bob Dole, in part this hatchet-man thing, but also a person who early in his political career was trying to move up to the national stage. ... You've got a first-term senator who is moving from the most rural (House) district in the country toward center-stage national politics."

As the diaries show, it was not an effortless entrance. Dole's appearances in Haldeman's world are frequently angry. Here's an excerpt from Haldeman's diary of Sept. 11, 1970, when Dole had been in the Senate for less than two years:

"I spent a good part of afternoon on huge flap with Bob Dole, who was incensed about screwup of announcement of our Kansas trip; Governor (Democrat) made it in Kansas, ahead of Dole or the University. After tracking it all back, found it was Dole's fault."

The most volatile passage involving Dole was Nov. 28, 1972, three weeks after Nixon won a landslide re-election victory. Dole was being shoved aside as head of the party, and he didn't like it. Haldeman wrote:

"Had a meeting with Dole today, which was absolutely incredible. P (President) made his whole pitch on all the reasons why Dole should leave now, why it would be better for him and everything, and Dole said well, I came up here for the flanging, I at least want to say a word in my own defense. Then he went into a long harangue about his own position, that he said he was staying and he therefore has to stay, that he feels it will ruin him in Kansas if it looks like he's kicked out, is totally oblivious to any suggestion that by handling it right, he can avoid it looking like he's kicked out."

"Said he would have a problem raising money for his campaign if he were kicked out, and the P committed \$300,000 in a special fundraising effort for him. Committed a three-week trip to Europe or Asia for him in the late summer. Then at the end the P did mention George Bush as a possibility for the job, and Dole agreed that he would be great."

Dole detailed the very same meeting in his own 1983 book "The Doles, Unlimited Partners": "Haldeman entered the room, and I felt like the condemned man facing his executioner."

Dole also had no love for Haldeman and his autocratic style: "White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman once said, 'Every President needs an S.O.B. and I'm Nixon's.' ... Haldeman lived up to his own billing."

Nixon biographer Stephen Ambrose thinks the Haldeman diaries provide an incomparable eyewitness account of the raw workings of the Nixon White House.

"None of Haldeman's predecessors or successors as chief of staff worked for a president who was involved in such high drama or low skulduggery. ... The old Nixon is here, on every page — the hatred and jealousy of the Kennedy family, the contempt for bureaucrats, liberals, professors, the educated, and others, the obsession with Alger Hiss, the amazing memory."

But what the diaries do not show is the relationship between Nixon and Dole that flourished in the years after the Haldeman diaries end. Even after Nixon's resignation, the two men kept in periodic touch, directly and through mutual acquaintances. They shared a passion for politics, a commitment to traditional Republican causes and an extraordinary longevity at the center of power.

At Nixon's funeral, Dole delivered an emotional eulogy for his friend and mentor. Then he wept.

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## Dole plans return to site of injury

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole will



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mix foreign policy with D-Day remembrances on a six-day trip that takes him to Italy, war-torn Sarajevo and France.

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U.S. ambassador in Split, Croatia, on Sunday.

Later that day, Dole has scheduled meetings with Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic and Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic.

Dole, who increasingly has invited comparisons between Clinton's foreign policy and his own views, said in a statement he was visiting to "assess the situation" in Sarajevo.

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