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Dole promises to attend two debates in October

By John Hanna
Associated Press
TOPEKA — Sen. Bob Dole plans to participate with his opponents in two October campaign forums sponsored by public broadcasting stations, his campaign said Wednesday.

The first is Oct. 11, produced by High Plains Public Radio, station KANZ-FM in Garden City. The second is Oct. 17, produced by television station KTWU in Topeka.

through broadcasts on other public stations in Kansas. Under their plans, four journalists would question the candidates.

O'Dell has repeatedly tried to paint Dole as a career politician whose nearly 30 years in Congress have left him out of touch with ordinary Kansans. She indicated she has no plans to stop trying to make forums an issue.

Officials at both stations said they hope the events will have a statewide audience.

Dole hints he has more coattails than Clinton

By Ray Hemman
The Hutchinson News
Reports that Sen. Bob Dole would win a two-way race for president with Bill Clinton should be good news for fellow Republicans who are seeking office in 1994.



happening out there." For Dole, the encouraging signs in a poll released earlier this week were that his "negatives" were low and his "positives" are high — both indicators of how the public perceives the Russell native. Dole is considered by many as a likely candidate for president in 1996.

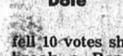
"We are meeting with the United We Stand people," Dole said. "Some of the surveys have shown that 80 percent of the Perot voters are voting for Republican candidates for Congress. That's very encouraging. Perot is still a factor. He likes what he is doing. He's always able to criticize anybody in government or anything the government does. So he has an ideal platform."

he accepts our regulatory amendment we couldn't help him. "I think Superfund is dead for the year because it is a tax bill, and a lot of people are concerned about tax bills. They can be amended on the floor. Health care, Democrats may not say so, but yesterday was the first-year anniversary. My view is that it is not going anywhere. ... Campaign finance will not go anywhere this year because it is designed to help the Democrats."

Congress given mixed assessments

Little legislation passed in final hours

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Congress praised itself Friday, denounced itself and complained that the public misunderstood it, while crawling toward adjournment with hardly any votes on anything.



The most decisive action was a Republican victory. The Senate voted not to vote on legislation requiring lobbyists to register and report who pays them and prohibiting members of Congress from accepting gifts and golf junkets. The measure died after the Senate fell 10 votes short of the 66 needed to break a Republican-led filibuster against the bill, which the House passed last week.

Then the Senate moved on, wallowing in four more Republican filibusters, against three Air Force promotions and a bill to protect the California desert.

Mitchell gives Dole an early, unintentional lift

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — If retiring Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell's Freudian slip is a sign, Senate Democrats are in trouble.

Speaking of Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole at a National Press Club luncheon Thursday, Mitchell said, "I will say that I think he's done a very good job as minority leader, and I expect him to continue to do that good job as majority — minority — leader for many years to come."

For weeks now, Dole has made cracks about his chances of becoming majority leader after next month's elections, when Republicans expect substantial gains. The Republicans need to gain seven Senate seats to become the majority party in that chamber.

Mitchell, who retires at the end of this session after 14 years in the Senate, spoke at length at Thursday's luncheon about lawmakers on the other side of the aisle — expressing his frustration with an increasing number of filibusters and delay tactics on the Senate floor.

Dole: Oil makes the difference between sending military troops to Kuwait, Haiti

By Ray Hemman
The Hutchinson News
As Kuwaiti leaders met Friday in emergency session to discuss a buildup of Iraqi troops near their border, Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., said there clearly was a difference in America intervention in Kuwait and U.S. operations in Haiti.

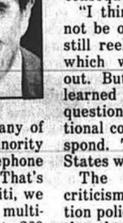
"We shouldn't be doing any of this alone," the Senate minority leader said during a telephone press conference Friday. "That's what bothers me. ... In Haiti, we say we've got all this multinational force. We've got 260 people down there from 17 islands. We've got 20,000. That's supposed to be a multinational force."

Earlier, the Senate Finance Committee rejected attempts by Dole and other Republicans to attach to the Superfund environmental cleanup bill an amendment reviving a 25 percent health insurance deduction for the self-employed.

The deduction expired at the end of 1993 and was supposed to have been expanded as part of health reform.

Dole: Let's deal with health care in '95

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Lawmakers "ought to be whacked" if they don't pass a scaled-down, bipartisan health bill next year, Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole said Wednesday.



Democratic leaders on Monday gave up on health legislation for the year and accused Dole and other Republicans of blocking the path to reform. The GOP leader countered that the public just didn't buy President Clinton's approach.

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"I think Saddam Hussein may not be on his last legs, but he is still reeling from the Gulf War, which was successfully carried out. But I would hope he has learned his lesson. There is no question in my mind the international community will have to respond. That means the United States will be involved."

The Kansas continued his criticism of Clinton administration policies in Haiti. Dole said he thought congressional resolutions on Haiti were "fairly specific" even though they did not include any dates for withdrawal.

Setting a date in the resolutions would be "buying into" the president's "flawed" policy, he said.

"As far as we are concerned, the troops shouldn't be there today. They shouldn't have been there yesterday. And they ought to be home tomorrow. Our position is, there is no American interest in Haiti, no national interest, no security interest, no

Kansas bloc tries to spare drinking water bill from Dole

Senator's provision over property rights could kill bill helpful to small water systems

By CURT ANDERSON
The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — With time running out for compromise, a Kansas coalition is mounting a last-minute effort to persuade Congress to pass a safe drinking water bill that would reduce rules on small water systems.

The coalition, which includes environmentalists, cities and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, is urging Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole not to allow the measure to die in the waning days of this congressional session.

Rep. Jim Slattery, a Kansas Democrat who is running for governor, said Dole and Sen. Bennett Johnston, D-La., have included amendments to the drinking water bill that could jeopardize its final passage.

Congress is scheduled to adjourn today. Dole hasn't voiced opposition to the drinking water measure, but it is among President Clinton's high-priority environmental bills. And Republicans haven't been kind to the president's agenda in recent weeks.

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The support for this bill is truly unprecedented," Slattery said. "We have forged a solid consensus on an important bill that should be enacted this year. I don't want to see all of our time and effort go to waste."

Dole favors the Senate version and supports the "ongoing dialogue" to reach compromise, spokesman Clarkson Hine said.