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Dole says he has no plans to quit Senate

TOPEKA — Bob Dole said Monday that he has no plans to resign from the U.S. Senate, even if he decides to run for president.

Dole said he believes he can run for the Republican nomination and hold down a congressional leadership position at the same time. Dole is the Senate minority leader, and he is cautiously optimistic that the GOP will gain a majority in the Senate in this year's elections.



Dole

The state's senior senator stressed that he has not made up his mind yet about running for president, presumably for the chance to challenge Democratic President Clinton's re-election bid in 1996.

"If President Clinton can stay in the White House and do both, I can do both," Dole quipped.

Later, he said of resigning, "I haven't even thought about it."

Dole stopped in Topeka on Monday for a fund-raising breakfast for Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Graves. Afterwards, he and Graves spoke to about 50 GOP faithful and took questions from reporters.

So far, Graves has led Democrat Jim Slattery in polls in the governor's race. Graves' chances for victory have led to speculation

about Dole's future in Congress.

If Dole were to resign, the governor would appoint his successor, to fill his seat until voters decided in 1996 who would fill out the remainder of Dole's term, which runs through 1998. With Graves in office, Dole could resign and be assured that a Republican would replace him.

But Dole was not definite about his presidential aspirations, despite his appearances around the nation on behalf of GOP Senate and gubernatorial candidates.

"I don't know if I'll be a candidate," Dole said. "I haven't decided what I'm going to do."

Dole retained his Senate seat when he ran unsuccessfully for the Republican nomination for president in 1980 and 1988. However, some of his supporters in Kansas have expressed concern that remaining in the Senate could prevent him from running an effective presidential campaign in 1996.

Most observers believe 1996 represents Dole's last chance for the presidency. The senator, now 71, would be close to turning 73 when the race for the GOP nomination intensified. If elected, he would be the oldest person inaugurated as president in American history.

Dole acknowledged that if he remains in the Senate, his commitments there would take time away from a presidential campaign.

"I think that's one side of it," he said. "The other is, particularly if you're majority leader, you're in a much stronger position."

Dole eyes Republican gains in House, Senate

GOP leader stumps for local candidates

By Lillian Zier
The Salina Journal
Sen. Bob Dole expects Republicans to pick up a couple of seats in the U.S. House and as many as nine seats in the U.S. Senate in Tuesday's election.

Dole, R-Kan., spoke Wednesday afternoon during a campaign stop in Salina with gubernatorial candidate Bill Graves and Graves' running mate Sheila Frahm. The rally drew about 100 supporters to the Salina Airport terminal.

The Republican Party needs 40 seats to gain a majority in the House, which would be difficult to obtain, Dole said.

But in the Senate, the GOP needs a net gain of seven seats to become the majority party, the



Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., speaks at a rally at the Salina Airport Wednesday afternoon to support Bill Graves (left) and other Republican candidates in the coming election.

Republican senator from Russell said. There are nine open seats, and the GOP has a chance to win

all of them, he said. If Republicans gain the majority in the Senate, Sen. Nancy

Kassebaum of Wichita would replace Sen. Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts as chairman of the Sen-

ate Labor Committee, Dole said. Republicans also will make gains in gubernatorial races around the nation, including Kansas, Dole said in touting Graves' candidacy.

"The only thing that can defeat us is apathy," Dole said. "We've got six days. You can do a lot in six days."

Dole said the federal and state governments often work together.

"I would like to work with someone I've known most of my life, and that's Bill Graves," Dole said.

Graves spoke optimistically about his chances against Democrat Jim Slattery in Tuesday's election.

Graves, a Salina native and the Kansas secretary of state, said his campaign has been "running hard and out front" since the primary.

"The campaign is going extremely well," he said. "We have a great chance of winning."

Dole said the Republican party is doing well because people with good ideas are seeking election. The party is not obstructionist, he said.

For example, on the issue of health care, the party prevented a bad bill from being passed, he said. The party will work on health care, but won't "turn it over to the federal government."

"A lot of people in the (Clinton) administration are very, very liberal," Dole said. "They think government has the answer to every-

thing. Sooner or later everybody has to pay the bill."

Along with Graves, Dole showed support for Randy Duncan, the Republican candidate for state treasurer.

Duncan is the Saline County Republican Party chairman. He faces incumbent Sally Thompson.

Dole disputed the endorsement of Thompson by Salina Journal editorial page editor George Pyle.

"If Pyle says he's not qualified, I know he is," Dole said of Duncan.

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Dole's PAC gives GOP \$485,700

By CURT ANDERSON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole barnstorms the country campaigning for GOP candidates, a political action committee he controls has contributed \$485,700 to Republicans this year.

Campaign America, as Dole's PAC is named, has spread the wealth throughout the country, from candidates for the U.S. Senate to state legislative and local races.

Some of the contributions were made in key 1996 presidential primary states such as New Hampshire and Iowa, according to Federal Elections Commission records.

Between Oct. 1 and Oct. 19, Campaign America contributed

\$8,850 to 29 New Hampshire candidates seeking offices ranging from state senator to county commissioner. The PAC gave another \$5,000 to the U.S. House campaign of Charles Bass and \$5,000 to the New Hampshire Republican State Committee.

Dole's PAC also gave \$15,000 to the Eisenhower Club in Des Moines, Iowa, to spread among Iowa Republican candidates. Campaign America gave \$2,500 each to a pair of Iowa congressional candidates and \$5,000 to Gov. Terry Branstad, seeking an unprecedented fourth term.

Dole, of Kansas, is among the Republicans most often mentioned as a prospective presidential candidate and has run twice unsuccessfully. He insists he hasn't made a decision yet about 1996.

Overall, Campaign America has

raised \$7.34 million since January 1993 and spent more than \$5.2 million. The total given to Republican candidates in 1994 through Oct. 19 was \$485,767, including \$85,289 in the first three weeks of October.

In Kansas, the PAC in October gave 2nd District GOP nominee Sam Brownback \$5,000, gubernatorial candidate Bill Graves \$2,000 and Republican attorney general candidate Carla Stovall \$2,000.

Meanwhile, Dole continues a frenetic campaign pace as the GOP tries to win majorities in the House and Senate. Republicans would need a gain of 40 House and seven Senate seats to take over, which would make Dole the Senate majority leader once again.

Dole was elected majority leader in 1984. The Republicans lost the majority in the Senate in 1986.

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Dole optimistic GOP will win in Kansas, U.S.

By LAURIE McEWEN
Hays Daily News

Sen. Bob Dole, campaigning in Hays for GOP gubernatorial candidate Bill Graves, said he predicts good things Tuesday for Republican candidates.

Dole, accompanied by Graves' running mate, Sheila Frahm, and Graves' wife, Linda, made the campaign stop Thursday at Hays Municipal Airport, where he was met by a crowd of about 150 people.

Graves was elsewhere in the state campaigning.

Frahm, who addressed the crowd before introducing Dole, said school funding, crime, health care, and working to keep Kansas communities alive and vibrant are vibrant issues raised by Graves.

Dole said he has experienced both good and bad Republican election

cycles, but predicted success at the polls this year.

"We're very proud of our ticket and it's going to be a great day Tuesday," Dole said.

Dole said unlike the 1974 campaign, when "Republicans took a bath," the year 1994 looks promising, with "Democrats joining (Republicans) for the right reasons" and voting for GOP candidates.

Dole, the Senate minority leader, observed that there hasn't been a Republican-controlled Congress since 1952.

He said he hopes to see that change Tuesday.

"I've thought about it, and I'd rather be the majority leader," Dole said.

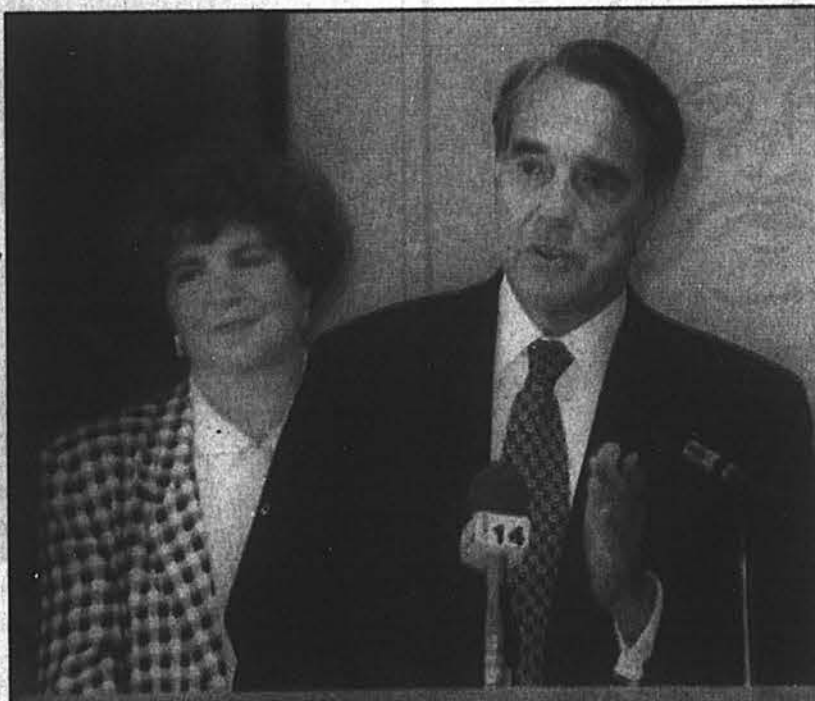
Republicans need to win seven seats from Democrats to take over the Senate. Democrats currently hold 56 seats and Republicans 44. Six seats held by Democrats are open this year, and three Republican seats are open.

He said some of those races are getting close as election day draws near.

Dole also said he is aware of the water problem in Hays and is working with city officials to see if he can be of help.

When asked about campaign tactics used by the gubernatorial candidates, Dole said Graves' campaign has been one of positive advertising, while U.S. Rep. Jim Slattery, the Democratic nominee, has embraced a negative advertising campaign.

"I think they've backfired," Dole said of Slattery's ads. "I think you can overdo anything."



U.S. Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., campaigns in Hays Thursday afternoon for Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Graves and his running mate, Sheila Frahm, at left.

Hutchinson News Saturday, November 5, 1994

Dole: GOP backs farm subsidies

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole, rejecting claims the GOP wants to cut farm subsidies, released a "dirty dozen" list Friday of recent Democratic actions he said have imperiled agriculture.



President Clinton and Democrats in farm-belt states like Iowa and Minnesota have pounced on what they contend is a "secret plan" by the Dole-led GOP to advocate deep cuts in agriculture subsidies in the 1995 farm bill.

Dole, campaigning for Republicans on Friday in Minnesota, released a statement saying the

claim is part of the Democrats' election-year "phony last-minute attacks," which he said include claims the GOP wants to cut Social Security.

"A look at their record reveals that it is the Democrats who voted to increase taxes on Social Security recipients and who have put a bull's-eye on the heartland of America," said Dole, of Kansas.

Dole called upon Democratic candidates to repudiate "a \$16 billion in farm cuts" contemplated in a memo prepared recently by White House Budget Director Alice Rivlin. Clinton has sought to downplay the memo, characterizing it as a catalogue of policy options, not a list of intended actions.

But that hasn't stopped Dole and other Republicans from using the memo on the campaign trail as evidence Democrats want to raise taxes, reduce taxpayers'

deductions for things like home mortgage interest and cut farm subsidy programs.

"If these Democrats won't reject these so-called budget options dreamed up in the Clinton White House, then we'll know who's got the 'secret plan' to target the American farmer," Dole said.

Under the "entitlement options" section of Rivlin's "Big Choices" memo, the possible \$16 billion farm cut would come from a 3 percent reduction in farm target prices and an increase in the "nonpayable" acreage that doesn't qualify for government payments.

Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy said in a recent speech to farm commodity groups there would be "probably fewer payable program acres" in future years, a statement that appears to back up Rivlin's memo.

Dole's "dirty dozen" list hits Democrats for — among other things — proposing the ill-fated BTU tax, delaying ethanol regulations that would have helped corn growers, and proposing higher grazing fees in the West. The list also cites proposed reductions in farm spending and exports, and agriculture cuts to implement the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Clinton and Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, have heaped criticism on Republicans in recent days after an appearance Sunday on NBC's "Meet The Press" by GOP strategist William Kristol.

On that program, Kristol said, "Farm subsidies, I'd be perfectly happy to phase out, and I think Bob Dole, you'll see next year, who comes from a farm state, will take a courageous position and look at radically reducing farm subsidies."

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Dole sees GOP tide in election

Kansan confident of Republican gains

By The Associated Press

TOPEKA — Sen. Bob Dole, here to stump for Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Graves, appeared a bit more confident on Thursday that he would become majority leader of the U.S. Senate.

"I've never been more excited about an election," Dole told a campaign rally of about 100 Republicans at Graves' campaign headquarters.

"We are going to take over the Senate. It's going to be close. There are going to be some surprises."

Dole said that if there is a Republican tide, the GOP could have a three- or four-seat margin in the Senate.

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Dole, the Senate minority leader, said some of those races are getting close as Election Day draws near.

"I've been in virtually every part of the country in the last three or four weeks," Dole said. "There are some (races) we would like to win, but probably aren't going to win. There are others where I don't see much deterioration."

Dole said seats in Missouri and Wyoming being vacated by Republicans will be retained by the GOP. The race for the third open seat that had been held by a Republican — in Minnesota — is very close, he added.

Dole also said Republican candidates are leading in races for five seats being vacated by Democrats — in Arizona, Tennessee, Ohio, Maine and Michigan.

He offered no predictions about Republicans winning control of the House, but said the GOP will pick up a lot of seats in that chamber.

The GOP takeover of the Senate would make Dole the likely majority leader.

"We're not there to obstruct anything," Dole said of congressional Republicans. "We're there with a different philosophy, different ideas, to make America better for everybody."