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One term in White House might be all Dole needs

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WASHINGTON — At age 71, Sen. Bob Dole says he's mulling the idea of seeking only a single term as president. Dole made the remark in an interview to be broadcast tonight on PBS.

"It's something we've talked about," Dole said when asked about rumors that he'll declare himself a one-term candidate. Dole would be 73 at the time of the 1996 election.

"We haven't made that judgment," Dole said about the one-term idea. "Some have suggested that because if anybody has any doubts about the age. But my view is, just follow me around for



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a few days and that will be gone."

The Kansas Republican made the comments in an interview with David Frost, which airs tonight at 9 p.m. on KPTS, Ch. 8.

At 73, Dole would become the oldest U.S. president at the beginning of his first term. Ronald Reagan was 69 when elected to his first term; 73 at his second inaugural.

After a bout with prostate cancer, Dole knows he'll face questions during the campaign about his age and his health, despite keeping a grueling schedule.

"You try to think of some ways to keep the focus on your race," he told Frost.

Dole has also been urged to name his running mate when he announces his candidacy. "I'm not certain about that, either," he said.

He indicated he'll formally declare his candidacy in April, on the 50th anniversary of when he was wounded during World War II.

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Dole gets double exposure tonight on television shows

Senate leader to be on Letterman, Frost

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole will make two appearances on television tonight.

The first will be a one-hour special, "Talking With David Frost" (9 p.m. on KPTS, Ch. 8). The show will pre-empt "The McLaughlin Group" and "John McLaughlin." "The McLaughlin Group" will be shown at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

At 10:30 p.m. today on CBS and KWCH, Ch. 12, Dole will visit David Letterman on his CBS show. It's the Letterman debut for Dole, who joins such previous political visitors as Vice President Al Gore, former first lady Barbara Bush and New York Gov. George Pataki.



Will Bob Dole become a regular staple on talk shows? Stay tuned.

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Punchlines dominate politics as Dole-light does Letterman

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NEW YORK — Before a studio audience waving canned hams, Sen. Bob Dole told comedian David Letterman that he's running for president — and he won't be choosing Letterman as his running mate. "I might say you are not my first choice," the Kansas Republican

told Letterman on Friday's "Late Show."

But Dole did say, "Well, I'm going to run — for president." The official announcement, though, will still come in April.

In his first appearance on the popular CBS late-night program, Dole traded quips with Letterman and discussed Washington politics and the new Congress. He

also came with his own Top Ten list, shrunk to a Top Seven because Dole said Congress is trying to "cut everything 30 percent."

"The number one way to balance the budget," Dole said, "Arkansas? Sell it!"

Between the quips, though, Dole put in plugs for term limits,

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Bob Dole's Top Seven

ways to balance the budget

7. Stop paying Clinton's speechwriters by the word.
6. Get Letterman to pay his speeding tickets.
5. Serve canned hams at all White House state dinners.
4. Save government ink by replacing long "William Jefferson Clinton" signature with 70 percent shorter "Bob Dole" signature.
3. Make Gore and Gingrich pay for those good seats at the State of the Union addresses.
2. Fire the White House gardeners, let Al Gore do something to earn his keep.
1. Arkansas? Sell it.

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less government and the Republicans' Contract with America.

Despite Letterman's reputation for needling his guests, the host was nothing but respectful to Dole, calling him "an actual American hero," and later, "a very, very nice guy." The studio audience, most of whom seemed to be in their 20s and 30s, added their own cheers.

Also in the studio audience was Dole's old Army buddy, Frank Carafa, who helped save his life 50 years ago when Dole was badly wounded during World War II.

The "Late Show" is seen by approximately 7 million viewers and its producers have long been hoping to have Dole as a guest. In the past two years, Letterman has often poked fun at Dole. In one instance, Letterman joked about a little-known provision of the crime bill: Bob Dole to be execut-

ed on "Donahue."

But Friday's appearance was so chummy that Letterman even debuted a possible campaign button. It featured a photo of both men and the slogan, "Dole and Dumber." Then Letterman brought out a second campaign button featuring himself and Dan Quayle with the slogan, "Dumb and Dumber."

Dole also brought along a gift, a U.S. Senate ash tray, to replace the one that Vice President Al Gore smashed during his famous appearance last year. Quipped Letterman, "Stolen from the U.S. Senate."

In return, Dole received a canned ham.

Indeed, everyone in the audience got canned hams, too, indicating a theme for a possible Dole presidency. In his Top Seven list, Dole said one of his ways to cut the budget will be: "Serve canned hams at all White House state dinners."

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Dole tells Letterman he's running

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sen. Bob Dole made another "informal" announcement of his bid for the Republican presidential nomination Friday night on the David Letterman show but seemed reluctant to include the comedian on his ticket.

"I have not ... but I'm going to run," Dole replied when asked by Letterman if he had committed himself to running for the presidency in 1996.

Letterman pressed: "This is official, you are running?"

"I'll make my, what you call a formal announcement in early April of this year," the Senate majority leader replied. "This was an informal announcement."

Letterman offered the senator a campaign button with Dole's and his photos and the slogan "Dole and Dumber."

"I might say you were not my first choice," quipped Dole.

Dole and Letterman, each with reputations of expressing an acerbic wit on occasions, traded several quips with each other.

Asked how he gets along with House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Dole replied: "Newt's doing a great job. ... He's the only speaker we've ever had named Newt. We've never had a president named Bob either."

And Dole said term limits are becoming popular. Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., who came to Congress in 1948 and is 92 years old, "told me the other day he only wanted to run one or two more times," Dole said.

Dole also offered a list of the best ways to cut the budget.

Noting that when Vice President Al Gore was on the show last year he had a Top 10 list — a regular Letterman feature — Dole offered only a Top 7, saying that Republicans



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Sen. Bob Dole rejects David Letterman's suggestion of himself as a running mate.

"are cutting everything 30 percent."

Dole's money-saving list:

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Stupid politician tricks

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole smiles as he points to a gag campaign button with his image and that of talk show host David Letterman, right, that says 'Dole & Dumber' during a taping of 'The Late Show with David Letterman' on Friday. On the show, Dole made the informal announcement that he will seek the Republican nomination for president in 1996.

Associated Press photo

