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Kansas senators: Striker-replacement order no good

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Sens. Nancy Kassebaum and Bob Dole vowed Wednesday to reverse President Clinton's order preventing companies that hire permanent replacements for striking workers from getting federal contracts.



Kassebaum Dole
money to implement it.
"Congress makes the laws, not

the administration," said Kassebaum, R-Kan.
Dole, R-Kan., said the executive order sets a "dangerous precedent" on labor law and promised to push Kassebaum's legislation.
"Congress has repeatedly rejected the striker replacement bill," the Senate majority leader said. "It is inappropriate for the president to end-run Congress by reviving this defeated legislation through an executive order."
The order, which will not be re-

roactive, applies to companies with federal goods and services contracts of at least \$100,000. Clinton said the action, which is favored by labor unions, would bring better "balance" to collective bargaining between workers and companies.
"This balance is disrupted when permanent replacement employees are hired," the president said in the order.
Dole and Kassebaum, in a recent letter to Clinton, contended the demands of workers are "moder-

ated" by the knowledge they could be replaced by the company if they strike.
Kassebaum said she would seek to attach her bill prohibiting any money to be spent on the order to a supplemental defense appropriations measure being debated this week on the Senate floor.
"Federal labor law permits workers to strike, and it also permits employers to continue to operate during a strike, if necessary

by hiring permanent replacements," Kassebaum said. "This has been the law of the land for the past 60 years."
Kassebaum led the fight in the Senate last year to defeat proposals similar to Clinton's order. She has argued it is wrong for one set of rules to apply to government and another to private companies, and has asked Attorney General Janet Reno for an opinion on the legality of the move.

Gramm turns up verbal heat on Dole

Eagle Washington bureau
WASHINGTON — With the conservative agenda faltering in the Senate, Sen. Phil Gramm on Thursday challenged the conservative credentials and leadership abilities of his chief rival for the Republican presidential nomination, Majority Leader Bob Dole.
The Texas Republican accused Dole of being too cautious and waiting to see how an issue plays before embracing it.

"Senator Dole's basic legislative approach... is to let people discuss the issue until momentum starts to build and then lead the momentum. That's not my leadership style," Gramm said in an interview with Knight-Ridder Newspapers.
He added: "Senator Dole's basic style is to throw out ideas, and if one catches hold he moves to it. I don't ever do that. My approach is to figure out what I want to do, take the position and stay with it."

The contest between the two already is growing personal. In recent weeks, Dole has described Gramm as in the far-right fringe.
Thursday morning, Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour predicted that "there may be times when I have to step in and be the referee" in a GOP nomination fight that will occasionally grow "contentious and combative."
Though Gramm insisted repeatedly that "personally, I like Bob," he

criticized Kansas Republican's leadership style, particularly during the debate over President Clinton's proposed overhaul of health care.
He recalled that pollsters initially warned Republicans that they would face great political risk if they opposed Clinton's health plan because it was popular with voters.
Dole, he said, was willing to work with Clinton and at first supported a reform plan. But Gramm decided almost immediately to oppose the

Clinton plan.
"Ultimately, Bob Dole came over on our side," Gramm said.
He noted with admiration that in the House, "conservative Republicans who believe in less government and more freedom" have taken

over from "older Republicans who basically believe that the Democrats were right but that our job was to do what they wanted to do more slowly and more efficiently."
"That transition has not yet occurred in the Senate."

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Dole aims to reduce Cabinet

Senator would kill 4 posts as president

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Hoping to bolster his conservative credentials for the 1996 presidential race, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole proposed eliminating four Cabinet departments he said cost taxpayers \$70 billion a year and do more harm than good.

In urging an end to the departments of Education, Energy, Commerce, and Housing and Urban Development, Dole said Friday that Republicans must be bold as they pursue their goals of balancing the budget while shifting power from Washington.

"And I think the best place to start is with four of the most ineffective, burdensome and meddlesome departments," Dole told the National Newspaper Association, an organization of community newspaper editors.

Dole said the four agencies, which have a combined 74,000 workers, "were supposed to be the answer to our challenges in education, poverty, energy and economic opportunity."

Instead, he said, "more than \$1 trillion later, they have caused more problems than they have solved."

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early favorite for the Republican nomination. The NBC-Wall Street Journal survey showed 60 percent of Republicans surveyed favor Dole for the nomination, with Texas Sen. Phil Gramm a distant second at 13 percent.

Still, the first voting is another 11 months away, and much of Dole's lead can be attributed to the fact his rivals are little-known. And Gramm, for one, has been working relentlessly to challenge Dole's conservatism. Gramm says he is far more committed than the Kansan to dramatically shrinking and reshaping government.

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Gramm made no mention of the Dole initiative in his speech to the newspaper group but said afterward he supported it. Still, Gramm sought to portray it as hardly dramatic, noting that House GOP freshmen already had proposed eliminating the four departments.