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No Senate race in '98, Dole hints

By CURT ANDERSON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole fails in his third try for the presidency, the Kansas Republican says he is unlikely to seek re-election to the Senate in 1998.

The 71-year-old Dole has served in the Senate since 1968, following four terms in the House. A 1998 campaign would be for his sixth six-year Senate term.

In comments first published Wednesday in New York Newsday, Dole said many in Congress "hang around here for too long." He expressed doubt about running for re-election if his 1996 bid for the White House is unsuccessful.

"I would say the chances are unlikely I would run for the Senate again," Dole said.

Later Wednesday, after the Newsday story appeared, Dole issued a further statement to clarify his position.

"The only election decision I've made is for 1996. I haven't made any decisions about 1998, but obviously, if I am successful in '96, that decision won't be necessary," he said.

Dole, who almost retired in 1992, has turned aside challengers with relative ease since 1974, when he was tarred by the Watergate scandal along with most Republicans. But Dole came from behind to narrowly defeat Democrat Bill Roy.

For now, Dole is the acknowledged front-runner for the 1996 GOP presidential nomination.

A nationwide poll of GOP voters by the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion released Wednesday had Dole as the choice of 42 percent, compared to 13 percent for Texas Sen. Phil Gramm. The poll of 782 registered voters had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

There could be some changes in Kansas' Senate delegation well before 1998, however. Republican Sen. Nancy Kassebaum has yet to announce whether she will seek a fourth term.

"The senator has set no timetable for making that decision," Kassebaum spokesman Mike Horak said. "Clearly, if she decides not to run, she is aware of the need to give those running for the Senate seat adequate time to campaign."

Kassebaum, who almost called it quits before the 1990 election, is enjoying her new status as chairwoman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee and could find it difficult to leave with Republicans in the majority.

"Having the Republicans in the majority in the Senate has been rewarding for her," Horak said.

If Kassebaum does decide to run, she faces the distinct possibility of a primary challenge from the right wing of the Kansas Republican Party.

On the campaign trail of



Bob DOLE

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Senators make deal on cuts

The \$16 billion in budget cuts spares national service, anti-drug and food programs.

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WASHINGTON — Senate leaders and the Clinton administration reached a tentative agreement Wednesday night on a \$16 billion package of spending cuts in social programs.

After a day of private meetings, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., agreed to protect some initiatives from cuts Republicans wanted to make while subjecting other programs to deeper reductions.

As a result, the \$15 billion spending-cut measure the Senate has been debating would grow to close to \$16 billion, giving deficit-conscious Republicans even deeper cuts than they originally proposed.

And Democrats, after a weeklong standoff over the measure, would protect President Clinton's national service, anti-drug and other programs from many of the reductions the GOP originally sought.

Daschle planned to meet today with the rest of the Senate's Democrats to see if they would support the tentative deal. He said Clinton would sign the legislation if it isn't changed from the compromise he reached with Dole.

But Daschle said there were no guarantees the House wouldn't try to force substantial changes in the legislation when negotiators from the two chambers meet work out differences in their separate versions.

The House version, passed on March 16, trimmed \$17 billion in spending by cutting more spending on home-heating aid, housing, education and other programs.

Dole announced the agreement with Daschle on the Senate floor, saying, "We hope to get it all done by tomorrow."

Under the complicated agreement, Dole and Daschle would restore \$800 million worth of GOP-proposed cuts. The restored money includes \$220 million for housing modernization, \$105 million for Clinton's prized national service program, \$100 million for anti-drug efforts in schools and \$35 million for food programs for women and children.

But the two leaders also agreed to cut other programs by an additional \$797 million. The new cuts include \$700 million for airport improvements, \$500 million in rent subsidies and \$225 million for government administrative and travel expenses.

In addition, an amendment to the bill offered last week by Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., that would have terminated Clinton's \$20 billion bailout of the Mexican economy would be set aside.

As part of the deal, the bill also picked up another item prized by Clinton: \$275 million in forgiven loans for Jordan, part of an administration pledge to help the kingdom after it made peace with Israel last fall.

The agreement also clears the way for quick action on a separate, \$3.1 billion defense spending bill that House-Senate negotiators agreed upon Wednesday. That bill provides the Pentagon with extra money for its recent operations in Haiti and other countries. Until now, Dole had threatened to block it until Clinton and Democrats cooperated on the bigger spending cuts package.

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Area Residents Planning Friday Reception for Doles

Russell and Russell County residents are planning a Homecoming Reception for United States Senator Bob Dole and his wife Elizabeth Friday, April 14. The non-partisan event will be in the Russell Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6240 and the nearby Memorial Park from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

The recognition and reception will provide Kansans an opportunity to renew friendships with Senator and Mrs. Dole and will give the Doles an opportunity to meet and greet their many Kansas friends. A free pancake breakfast will be provided, with serving continuously from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The homecoming will mark the climax of a busy week of Dole's campaign as he seeks the Republican nomination for president. The big week will open with a Prayer Breakfast followed by a formal announcement of the senator's bid for the nomination from the State Capitol steps in Topeka, Kan., on Monday, April 10. In the whirlwind

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where he is presently serving as Senate majority leader. Senator Dole and Elizabeth will attend the informal breakfast as their time permits and plan to meet with constituents and supporters during the morning's activities. The breakfast homecoming reception will be open to all, regardless of political affiliations. The Doles are looking forward to seeing their many friends.

Additional information may be obtained from the Russell Chamber of Commerce, phone 913-483-6960; Russell Main Street, Inc., 913-483-2897; The Russell Daily News, 913-483-2116; The Russell Record, 913-483-2111; or the Russell Radio KRSL-KCAY, 913-483-3121.