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DOLE SAYS ANDERSON'S SHOWING 'HEALTHY SIGN FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'

WASHINGTON -- Rep. John Anderson's surprise showing in Vermont and Massachusetts "shows the voters of those states are responding to issues, qualifications and experience," according to Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas).

Dole, who was not on the ballot in Vermont and did not actively campaign in Massachusetts, called Anderson's second-place finish in both states "a healthy sign for the Republican Party."

Dole added that "while I may not support all of John Anderson's positions on the issues, I am pleased to see the voters respond to a man who has the courage to speak his convictions."

Dole said he believes the Republican Party's presidential nomination "is still a horse race, and will be at least through Illinois."

He added, "Illinois will be key to Anderson. He's an underdog, but I wouldn't bet against him."