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SENATE HEARS DOLE WISH ALF LANDON A HAPPY 99TH BIRTHDAY

Washington, DC -- On his 99th birthday, former Gov. Alfred

M. Landon received a special birthday greeting from a fellow

Kansan in a Senate speech today.

Sen. Bob Dole said, "Alf Landon today celebrates another milestone on a long and productive life that continues to be an inspiration to us. As far as this senator is concerned, Gov. Landon is still a refreshing voice of common sense from the heartland of America."

As governor during the Depression, Landon's "actions put him ahead of his times, where he remains today," Sen. Dole said.
"Alf Landon is recognized still as a man who stood fast against government spending when the revenues didn't balance the books. I have no doubt that today he's even questioning who will pay for his birthday cake."

"Next year, I am sure, Gov. Landon will come to Washington aboard Air Force One for his 100th birthday party - taking up an offer made by President Reagan four years ago," said Sen. Dole. "Perhaps then he would stop by the Capitol where some of his wisdom could rub off on all of us."

Sen. Dole also extended his best wishes to the governor's wife, Mrs. Theo Landon. The Gov. and Mrs. Landon's daughter, Nancy Kassebaum, is Dole's colleague in the Senate.