



# Senator Bob Dole

**Born:** July 22, 1923; Russell, Kansas

Senator Bob Dole served in the U.S. Congress for 35 years for the state of Kansas. He is the longest serving Republican Leader to date, the 1996 Republican Nominee for President, and President Ford's Vice-Presidential candidate in 1976. Dole's activities cover U.S. politics from the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century with a focus on 1960-1996 and his Archives are a key resource across subjects and academic disciplines, including history, government, politics, leadership, democracy, and the broad American experience.

## **Kansas House of Representatives**

1950-1952 (*Elected 1950*)

## **Russell County Attorney**

1952-1960 (*Elected 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958*)

## **U.S. House of Representatives- Kansas 6<sup>th</sup> District**

January 3, 1961 – January 3, 1963 (*Elected: 1960*)

## **U.S. House of Representatives- Kansas 1<sup>st</sup> District** (Re-districted in 1962 to include the 6<sup>th</sup> District)

January 3, 1963 – January 3, 1969 (*Elected: 1962, 1964, 1966*)

## **U.S. Senate- Kansas**

January 3, 1969 – June 11, 1996 (*Elected: 1968, 1974, 1980, 1986, 1992*)

- Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance  
January 3, 1981 – January 3, 1985
- Senate Minority Leader  
January 3, 1987 – January 3, 1995
- Senate Majority Leader  
January 3, 1985 – January 3, 1987 and January 3, 1995 – June 11, 1996  
*Longest serving Republican Leader to date (includes minority and majority)*

## **47<sup>th</sup> Chairman of the Republican National Committee (RNC)**

1971–1973

## **President Gerald Ford's Vice-Presidential Candidate in 1976 – Not Elected**

Jimmy Carter/Walter Mondale (D) – 40,831,881 (50.1%) and 297 electoral votes

Gerald Ford/Bob Dole (R) – 39,148,634 (48.0%) and 240 electoral votes

## **Presidential Runs – Not Elected**

1980 Republican Presidential Primary (*withdrew early and endorsed Ronald Reagan*)

1988 Republican Presidential Primary (*withdrew after an initial strong lead in the polls, won by George H.W. Bush*)

1996 Republican Nominee for President against incumbent President Bill Clinton

Bill Clinton/Al Gore (D) – 47,402,357 (49.2%) and 379 electoral votes

Bob Dole/Jack Kemp (R) – 39,198,755 (40.7%) and 159 electoral votes