Politicians need to be committed to voters

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I really liked the movie "Dave."

Although it is a few years old, it is still

a movie I can sit down and enjoy again and again. It just kindles that patriotic spirit .

If you haven't seen it or don't remember the plot, here is a brief overview. Dave, played by Kevin Kline, helps unemployed people find temporary employment and becomes a look-alike for the president, also played by Kevin Kline. When the president falls ill. Dave takes over and, among other things, begins to balance the budget.

Basically, it is a cute story that is somewhat far-fetched fantasy.

Or is it?

I find it ironic and fitting Dave had a temp agency in Washington. Branch offices are needed all across the country.

Situations, like pregnancies, illnesses or sabbaticals, arise in the business world to make temps necessary. But politicians' ambitions are quickly draining our temporary and part-time work force.

Bob Dole recently resigned from the Senate. He said he wants to concentrate on his presidential campaign.

Now, an unelected official has been appointed to take his place, and a makeshift senatorial election is being prepared for November to fill his seat.

What does this say about commitment? What message is Dole sending to his constituents in Kansas and the rest of the nation?

He was elected to do a job, and now, he

will not finish it.

Dole has said five months of being with the U.S. people will erase the alienation politics impose. He wants us, the people, to get to know him and what he stands for.

But, after 32 years in public office, shouldn't we already know?

It is not necessary to quit in order to cam-

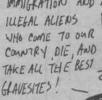
Yes, Bill Clinton has been able to use his office to campaign. But through the commencement speeches and media blitzes, it has been business as usual.

Both candidates should use their record. not their campaign rhetoric, to get elected.

It seems the point of politics is to move up the ladder, and not necessarily to be a public servant. City councilmen quit to become mayor. Mayors leave to join the state legislature. Representatives become governor, governors become congressmen, and congressmen become presidents.

What do they leave in their wake? A lot more than an addition to their WHY IT MATTERS IF THE COROWER IS A DEMOCRAT OR A REPUBLICAN

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IAM ALSO FOR HIRING MORE POLICE OFFICERS WHO WILL THEN MAKE THE STREETS A LITTLE SAFER TO BE KILLED ON!

Voters realize they have been used and their vote was just another rung in the political ladder.

We put our trust, our voice and our power in the hands of elected officials. We expect them to do everything possible to improve our standard of living during their tenure

But those same officials spend their time trying to improve their standing in the political game of Chutes and Ladders.

We are left with a temp, or no voice at all until the next election. We are betrayed by someone who is should be fighting for us.

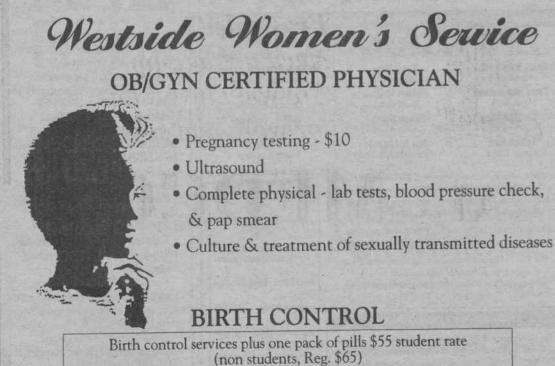
Yes, Dole will still be fighting for Kansas, but now South Carolina, Alabama, and every state in the union will be diluting his attention. The same can be said at every level of government.

So, if you want to be politically active, check with Dave, he may just have something for you.





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