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## The final pitch



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**SEN. JAMES EXON**, left, speaks in support of Gov. Ben Nelson, Nebraska's Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, Monday evening at Duncan Aviation. Exon said Nelson was a moderate candidate who would fit in well in the Senate.

### Exon praises Nelson in election-eve state tour

By CHAD LORENZ  
Senior Reporter

Retiring U.S. Sen. James Exon said Monday that he wants Gov. Ben Nelson to replace him because his moderate perspective will help keep balance between Republicans and Democrats.

Both Nelson and opponent Chuck Hagel swept through Nebraska by plane on election eve rallying Nebraska voters to their sides. Nelson and Exon's four-city tour stopped in Omaha, Grand Island, Hastings and Lincoln.

Exon said the Senate needs to be run by moderates to prevent the kind of partisan deadlock that shut the federal government down earlier this year.

"Some people think compromise is a bad word," Exon said. "But (in the Senate) you're never going to have a unanimous vote."

Nelson said he was pleased with the support of both Nebraska senators. Sen. Bob Kerrey ral-

"The only poll that matters is the poll that closes at 8 o'clock (Tuesday) night."

**BEN NELSON**  
Democratic Senate candidate

lied with Nelson over the weekend in Lincoln and Omaha.

Kerrey and Exon said Nelson would fit in well as a Nebraska senator because he doesn't always follow the Democratic Party line.

Exon said he thought Hagel was the oppo-

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MATTHEW WAITE/DN

**CHUCK HAGEL**, Nebraska's Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, makes the Lincoln stop on his statewide Fly Around Tour Monday. Hagel also made stops in Scottsbluff, North Platte, Grand Island and Omaha.

### Flight stop in Lincoln lands Republican support

By MATTHEW WAITE  
Senior Reporter

A day before voters go to the polls, Republican senatorial candidate Chuck Hagel said Monday he is right where he wants to be.

Hagel, on the Lincoln stop of his statewide Fly Around Tour, said the polls that show him in a dead heat with Democratic Gov. Ben Nelson are good news.

"Every poll has showed us closing, closing, closing," Hagel said. "Those polls show momentum, and you want it right now, and we've got it."

Both Hagel and Nelson spent the last day before the elections flying around Nebraska trying to get out their vote. Hagel made stops in Scottsbluff, North Platte, Grand Island, Lincoln and Omaha.

Hagel and U.S. Rep. Doug Bereuter, who have paired up throughout the campaign, both said the crowds they have seen statewide have

"Like everything in life, you work right up to the end, and we'll be working right up to the end."

**CHUCK HAGEL**  
Republican Senate candidate

been large. Bereuter said the crowds in Lancaster County have been the biggest in decades.

"I don't mind reminding people that I haven't been wrong in a statewide race in my adult life," Bereuter joked with the more than 100 people crammed into a tiny Hagel office at 1027 K St.

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### Clinton advocates record; Dole puts focus on ethics

By JOHN KING  
The Associated Press

President Clinton appealed for a second term Monday by taking credit for a revived economy and promising that if given four more years, "we'll be better off still." Battling the odds on election eve, Bob Dole countered that Clinton faced mounting ethical woes and

declared: "America deserves better."

Control of Congress was at stake, too, as Americans prepared to cast ballots in the last presidential election of the 1990s. Clinton had the upper hand in the race against Dole and Reform Party candidate Ross Perot, while Republicans were favored to keep their

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### Students suspect food poisoning

By ERIN SCHULTE  
Senior Reporter

At least 74 UNL students are recovering from a weekend of suspected food poisoning.

Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Chi Phi, Triangle and Sigma Nu fraternities all had members who spent Friday with severe stomach cramps, nausea, diarrhea and dehydration — symptoms of food poisoning. Steve Beal of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department said some sorority members went to the hospital.

The houses share the same caterer,

Catering Management Inc. Phi Mu sorority also is catered by CMI, but ordered different meals from those other houses ordered Thursday.

Neil Vacek, a senior family science major and president of Chi Phi fraternity, said at least 27 men in his house were sick on Friday.

"None went to the hospital," Vacek said. "They just wished for death."

The possibility of food poisoning is being investigated by the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department at CMI's request, Ron Pushcar, owner of CMI, said. Pushcar said he was in Florida when the suspected poisoning took place, but caught the first plane

home when he heard of problems.

"This is important," Pushcar said. "Nobody wants to think that they ate my food and became ill."

Pushcar said it was possible that the sicknesses were a result of an influenza bug or virus.

The health department came and inspected the catering facility, and Pushcar said there were no problems. CMI has been in business for years with no previous food sickness reported, he said.

"I've fed a million meals on campus. We have been doing college food

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