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President & Vice President

★ **Bill Clinton**
Al Gore

U.S. Senate

★ **Chuck Hagel**

U.S. House 1st District

★ **Doug Bereuter**

U.S. House 2nd District

★ **Jon Christensen**

U.S. House 3rd District

★ **Bill Barrett**

Nebraska Legislature

District 21

★ **Carol Hudkins**

District 25

★ **Jerome Warner**

District 27

★ **DIanna Schimek**

District 29

★ **LaVon Crosby**

NU Regent 1st District

★ **Charles Wilson**

NU Regent 2nd District

★ **Nancy O'Brien**

Initiatives 411 & 412

★ **Failed**

Initiative 409 (term limits)

★ **Passed**



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IT'S CLINTON

The president becomes the first Democrat to win re-election since Franklin Roosevelt.

By JOHN KING
The Associated Press

President Clinton won an Electoral College landslide re-election and political redemption Tuesday night as Americans optimistic about the economy brushed aside Bob Dole's challenge to his character. But voters hedged their bets by keeping a GOP Senate, and Republicans were on a path to hold the House, too.

Clinton polled strongly in every region of the country for a coast-to-coast victory that made him the first Democratic president re-elected since Franklin Roosevelt. It was a dramatic rebound from the 1994 midterm elections that delivered Congress to the Republicans.

"They have affirmed our cause and told us to go forward," Clinton said of voters who returned him to office. Still, he acknowledged that Americans were bent on splitting the balance of power in Washington. "They are sending us a message: Work together," Clinton said.

Fireworks erupted after the president addressed a crowd of thousands jamming the streets of Little Rock, Ark. Vice President Al Gore called it a "glorious evening" and indeed the numbers were very good for the Democratic ticket.

Clinton was on a pace to match if not exceed the 370

President & Vice President	
84% of precincts reporting	
★ Bill Clinton / Al Gore (D)	49% 39,765,381
Bob Dole / Jack Kemp (R)	41% 33,386,575
Ross Perot / Pat Choate	8% 6,843,743



BENJAMIN KRAIN/ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON, along with wife Hillary and daughter Chelsea, salutes a crowd of supporters in Little Rock, Ark., Tuesday night, after Clinton's victory speech.

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Hagel ices dead heat

By MATTHEW WAITE
Senior Reporter



SCOTT BRUHN/DN
THE WINNER: Republican Chuck Hagel.

OMAHA — Pulling off one of the biggest upsets in Nebraska political history, Republican Chuck Hagel soundly defeated Democratic Gov. Ben Nelson Tuesday to become the first Nebraska Republican elected to the U.S. Senate since 1972.

Capping off a late surge, Hagel rode his momentum to an unofficial 15-point win Wednesday morning — 57.7 percent to 42.3 percent — in a race that several, including many in Hagel's own party, thought was going to be a much tighter contest.

With his family at his side, Hagel, 50, a native of North Platte, said in his victory speech that by working together, America can accomplish much.

"This is not about one person," Hagel said. "This is not about Chuck

U.S. Senate	
85% of precincts reporting	
Ben Nelson (D)	42% 250,348
★ Chuck Hagel (R)	58% 347,055

Hagel. This is about the future of our country."

Hagel said that from the first day of his campaign, he reached out to all voters to join him and work for a future together.

"We have to go to work tomorrow and save this country," he said to cheers from more than 700 people gathered

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GOP looks to hold Senate, House control

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans drove for continued control of the Senate Tuesday night, laying claim to Democratic seats in Alabama and Nebraska. On a night generally kind to incumbents, Sen. Jesse Helms triumphed in North Carolina and Strom Thurmond coasted to a new term in South Carolina at 93.

In the marquee contest of the night among Democratic incumbents, Massachusetts Democrat John Kerry prevailed over Gov. William Weld.

With the polls still open in the West, Majority Leader Trent

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