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## Perot regrets leaving presidential rad

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DALLAS - Ross Perot said Tuesday he 'made a mistake" in dropping his independent presidential challenge, delivering yet another broad hint that he may engage in active campaigning in the final weeks of the race.

The Texas businessman, who is on the ballot in all 50 states, complained that neither President Bush nor Democratic nominee Bill Clinton had offered serious proposals to deal with the nation's budget deficit.

Perot made the complaint on a day when he held separate, private meetings in Washington with Bush's campaign chief James A. Baker III and Ronald Brown, chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Former media adviser Jim Squires said Perot

## Clinton defends state record, still seeks campaign debate

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EAST LANSING, Mich. - Bill Clinton taunted President Bush for refusing to debate on Tuesday and defended his home-state record against

a scathing attack Bush launched on a dash through the six states surrounding Arkansas. Ross Perot

added another twist saying he had

mistake when he abandoned plans to enter the race.

say he would reverse that decision but did say supporters were "looking at the situation."

against debating Tuesday night into his economic pitch. Bush for the first time made a detailed

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National Preserve, adding canyons, spring-fed

creeks and a blackwater swamp to the 86,000-

separately have been pushing in the Senate for

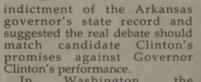
expansion of the preserve, known as "America's ark" for its variety of flora and

The two introduced differing legislation

Texas Sens. Lloyd Bentsen and Phil Gramm

acre East Texas woodland.

fauna.



Clinton's performance. In Washington, the Commission on Presidential Debates made a fresh proposal to the campaigns that the first Bush-Clinton debate be next Tuesday in Louisville, Ky., the site and date originally proposed for a vice presidential debate.

The Clinton camp immediately accepted and said it was ready to discuss arrangements. The Bush campaign repeated

its objection to the commission's single-moderator format and said it would deal with the Clinton campaign rather than the

commission in pressing for a multiple-questioner arrangement. Bush said Tuesday, "We're not going to do it on his terms alone, but we'll have debates." Clinton said simply, "I think the commission ought to sponsor these debates."

Senate in 1970.

action, as was Wilson.

Gramm's version was approved Tuesday in committee. Action by the full Senate could come later this week.

The state's two senators were pleased by the

"It has been a long time in the making," aid Gramm, R-Texas. "I am hopeful that (the

had no illusions of winning such a race, but that he might begin running ads and making speeches in states like Texas and Florida, where he could affect the outcome. Those two states account for 57 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the White House

Mainly, "This is an invitation to Bill Clinton to put a Perot serious economic proposal

on the table," Squires said He suggested that Perot might begin engaging in campaign-related activity around Oct. 1 if neither Clinton nor Bush takes him up on his request that they pay more attention to economic

Interviewed on "CBS This Morning said he thought when he abandoned the July that the major parties would more address economic issues that worry him and supporters.

"In retrospect, I think I made a mista cause they really didn't face the issues said.

The Dallas billionaire repeated earlier romis ments that he would let volunteer organ overni ballot petition drives decide whether hes become an active campaigner.

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Both the Clinton and Bush camps were

## **Bush rallies in Texas** Guer ree fro ng a g ailed ty

President blasts opponent's actions

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LONGVIEW - President Bush recalled images of hunting, fishing and wartime heroism Tuesday while asking Texans to help him defeat "the governor next door.'

Bush, making a six-state bush, making a six-state swing around Arkansas, blamed Bill Clinton for Arkansas' pollution and the high number of residents without health insurance. "Look at the grand canyon between the words of candidate Clinton running around the

Clinton running around the country criticizing me and the actions of Gov. Clinton, which is a sorry record by any Texas standard," Bush said. A crowd of about 2,000 cheered Bush's call for tax

breaks, smaller government and education choice. Many laughed when he told them

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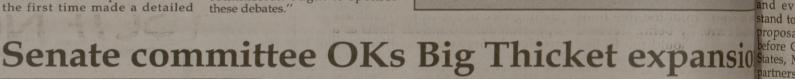
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with Bentsen seeking to boost the size of the preserve above 100,000 acres while Gramm expansion) will become law this session Congress advocated a smaller increase. Rep. Charlie Wilson, D-Lufkin, for several years has introduced legislation in the House similar to what Bentsen has sought since coming to the

signs.

Said Bentsen: "Today's committee at brings us an important step close expanding the preserve and enhancing ability to save this unique biolog. As a wonderland for future generation ready b Americans to enjoy.

s. Mar Bentsen, D-Texas, said he expects the Se to approve the expansion. Differences bend have alr the Senate measure and the Wilson ver Sending approved by the House would then to estab resolved during a House-Senate confere business

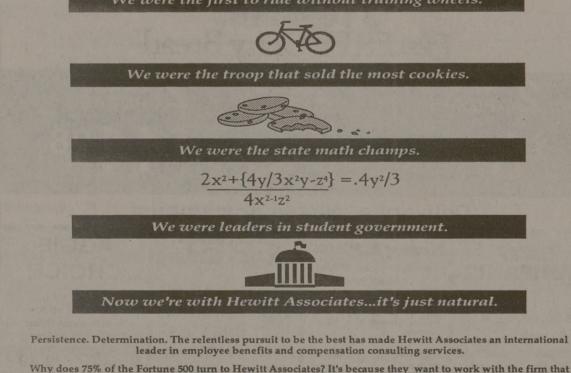


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Clinton wove Bush's decision







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