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Perot shifts to traditional candidac

DALLAS (AP) — His strategy of high-profile debates and a blitz of television advertising now in shambles, Ross Perot is preparing to shed his campaign cocoon and emerge as a more traditional candidate.

"We can now go full bore. You're going to see a lot more of Ross Perot," his running mate Pat Choate said Tuesday after a judge rejected Perot's bid to be included in this month's presidential debates.

Perot and presidential candidate John Hagelin of the Natural Law Party were granted an expedited appeal to try and resolve the issue before the first Sunday face-off between President Clinton and Republican Bob Dole.

Oral arguments before the U.S. Court of Appeals were set for Thursday in Washington, but the Reform Party ticket wasn't counting on anything.

Choate said the campaign will shift gears by scheduling political rallies and press conferences — public appearances Perot has studiously avoided since he accepted his own new party's nomination on Aug. 18.

"Now, we're going to try to

meet the public through the media," said Choate, an economist who hasn't been shy about making solo campaign appearances and giving interviews on television and radio.

"In anticipation, we have husbanded our resources very carefully and we have a vast preponderance of all of our money in the bank," he added, referring to \$29.2 million in federal funds awarded to Perot's campaign.

So far in his second independent White House bid, Perot has sought isolation, campaigning primarily from a television studio in Dallas. The Texas billionaire has had just one political rally — at St. Louis, Mo., the site of what was to have been the first debate — and has appeared publicly only about once each week, usually before business groups.

In the remaining five weeks before Election Day, Perot currently has just two scheduled appearances — Monday in San Francisco and Oct. 22 in Los Angeles — and two 30-minute advertisements set to air.

"Now that we know what the plan is we'll move forward," said Perot's spokeswoman

Sharon Holman, hinting at changes to come.

Perot, who debated Clinton and then-President Bush in 1992, had pinned his 1996 hopes on the nationally televised debates and on his infomercials, using them to directly address voters on issues. But he's been stymied.

Perot says he has been refused "reasonable access" to desirable air time for his 30-minute campaign commercials

something the networks deny. Perot has pleaded his case with the Federal Communications Commission, which is reviewing his claim and expects a ruling sometime this week.

Perot's attempt to face off against Clinton and Dole before a national audience were blocked by the Commission on Presidential Debates, which voted to exclude him because he has no "realistic" chance of winning the presidency. Although Perot won

19 percent of the vote in he's been getting around 5 percent support in national recent weeks.

Perot's lawsuit, combined with Hagelin's, was rejected Tuesday by U.S. District Judge Thomas Hogan in Washington. He said the Federal Election Commission hears — and resolves — campaign disputes of this nature.

"The court recognizes the right of all who consider themselves legitimate candidates," Hogan said.

The FEC is not required to solve Perot's complaint until Nov. 5. FEC spokeswoman Snyder said the agency must follow a complaint process that is, at least in part, arbitrary, cannot be completed by Election Day.

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Perot

► Truth in sentencing

Crime draws consensus

(AP) — The following are answers of the major presidential candidates to the question: "Do you favor 'truth in sentencing' for violent criminals so they serve full sentences with no chance of parole?"

Bill Clinton
"The current policy of 'truth in sentencing' is a good policy because it is wrong for violent criminals to get out on parole before they complete their prison sentence. The sentence given to a rapist or murderer should be the sentence they serve. Serious criminals should know that they will be held responsible for the crimes they commit."

Bob Dole
"Yes. The best prevention program for criminals I know is a prison cell. Someone sitting behind bars can't terrorize a single law-abiding citizen. That's why a 20-year sentence should not mean five years imprisonment. And why should we favor early parole for any murderer, when there can never be parole for a murder victim?"

Ross Perot
"Yes. When violent criminals are convicted and sentenced to prison, they should not be released early."

Republicans take tax issue to voters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans roared into Congress nearly two years ago intent on cutting Americans' taxes. But after many votes — and a veto by President Clinton — they're leaving without achieving what they considered the "crown jewel" of their cherished "Contract With America."

A major tax cut for families and businesses, still at the top of their agenda, will have to wait until next year.

Republicans did succeed in persuading Clinton to sign a laundry list of minor, targeted tax cuts. Among them: incentives for long-term care insurance, tax-free life insurance benefits for the terminally ill, tax-free medical savings accounts, expanded equipment writeoffs for small businesses, an increased health insurance deduction for the self-employed, Individual Retirement Accounts for non-working spouses and a \$5,000 credit for adoptions.

None has the pizzazz at the polls of a \$500 per-child credit or a 50 percent cut in the capital gains rate. And Republicans were forced to accept an increase in the minimum wage — an anathema to free-market conservatives — as part of the deal.

Republican leaders blame the failure of their tax-relief agenda on Clinton, who vetoed it along with the Medicare and other spending savings that would have balanced the budget in seven years.

"If people want a balanced budget, they need a new president. If they want tax cuts, they need a new president. It's that simple," House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said in a brief interview.

Others wonder if Republicans couldn't have achieved more through conciliation, rather than confrontation, with Clinton.

Instead of smaller tax and spending cuts,

Republicans were left with voters' blame shutting down the government for an unprecedented 27 days. And what they achieve in taxes, for the most part, counter to their stated goal of simplifying the tax system.

"They hold hearings on 'the system is complicated' and then what do they do at the very end of the Congress? They add a bunch of things ... that are horrendously complicated," said New York attorney Leslie Samuels, Clinton's former assistant Treasury secretary for tax policy.

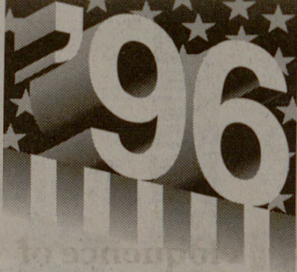
Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, said critics miss the point on the behavior taxes are talked about. Archer went from pushing a tax increase through the Democratic majority Congress in 1995, to advocating a tax cut in 1996. "It's not just what we signed into law. It's the way we moved the entire debate."

Archer said Congress, if Republicans win re-election, can block any tax increases and seal a deal that would include a child credit, expanded IRAs, reduced capital gains taxes and other provisions of the president's education credit.

"He's going to want to go down in history as a very successful president and president simply veto everything that Congress does, they are not making a place in history for themselves," he said.

Unlike the president, most Democrats in Congress flatly opposed cutting taxes, either the Republican plan or Clinton's. But they read opinion poll results as well as Republicans and said they would work with Clinton.

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