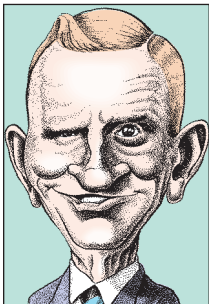


Perot means business



Wants to run the country as a chief executive runs a successful business. He plans to use Congress as a 'bully pulpit' to achieve his aims and eliminate government bureaucracy by going directly to the people for support. He would introduce early legislation to tackle economic development, the deficit, health care and crime.

He is keen to reduce staff levels and perks in the White House and Congress and limit contributions from, and lobbying

by, special interest groups. His aims are sincere but many believe he would quickly come unstuck through political naïvety and a poor understanding of the way government works

Economy



Believes tough action required to eliminate deficit by 1998. Plans to slash federal spending. Higher taxes for the wealthy, increases in tobacco and petrol duties, contributions to federal healthcare and taxes on pensions. Increased spending on research and development and investment incentives to stimulate production

Defence



Plans cuts of \$40m from Bush's 5-year budget and scrapping of military hardware such as the B-52 and the Seawolf submarine which he sees as 'relics of the Cold War'. Expects Europe and Asia to contribute \$100m more towards collective security

Initial cost cutting but supports basic health care for all in the longer term. Seeks preventative medicine programme

Trade



Believes trade regarded as non-glamorous and is keen to raise political profile. Would employ experienced negotiators from outside politics to ensure better results

Health



Would end subsidies on environmentally damaging industries such as mining and logging. Increase on petrol tax

Environment

