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**(Neb.)-Kerrey And Fischer Tangle In Final U.S. Senate Debate**



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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Democratic U.S. Senate hopeful Bob Kerrey criticized Republican opponent Deb Fischer for "sloganeering" without specifics during their final debate, while Fischer argued that Kerrey's proposals were unrealistic.

The Nebraska candidates tangled Monday during their final debate before the election.

Kerrey said Fischer's support for massive federal cuts might win her political points, but he argued it would hurt veterans, seniors and the military while increasing unemployment.

Fischer defended her proposal, and said Kerrey's pledge for a constitutional amendment to make congress nonpartisan would be difficult to achieve.

Polls have shown Fischer, a rancher and state senator, leading Kerrey, a former governor and U.S. senator who moved back to Nebraska to run for Senate.

The debate was hosted by NET News in Lincoln.