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Hutchinson-Rep. Bob Dole joined other House members today in demanding a meaningful reduction in the level of oil imports and correction of a growing abuse by the Department of Defense in the purchase of petroleum from foreign sources.

Dole, who spoke in support of the legislation introduced by Omar Burleson, a Texas Democrat, pointed out that imports now exceed 2 million, three hundred thousand barrels a day. He further pointed out that the Defense Department now buys more than one-third of its aviation gasoline and jet fuel abroad. "These purchases", Dole stated, "amount to more than 200,000 barrels daily. He said that the Department of Defense has turned a deaf ear to pleading by many members of Congress and by the domestic oil industry to reduce these foreign oil purchases.

The Defense Department states they can buy foreign oil a little cheaper but Dole said he questions seriously the "savings" on foreign oil products when these purchases add \$300 million a year to our over-all payments deficit. "There are serious questions in my mind concerning these "savings" when I look at the shrinkage in the domestic industry, the reduced incomes, reduced employment, and reduced tax payments to our local, federal, and state governments." As an example, Dole said that five years ago independent oil men were operating 169 rigs in Kansas, but on January 21 of this year they were operating only 49.

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"It's time for Congress to take a serious look at these conflicting policies which are killing off a basic industry in Kansas and many other states", Dole concluded.

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