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WASHINGTON, D.C., MAR. 15, 1973 -- Senator Bob Dole has joined with 15 other Senators in requesting Senate hearings on the proposed User Fees to be collected by the Army Corps of Engineers at federal water resource development projects.

Senator Dole has held a series of meetings with Maj. Gen. J.W. Morris of the Corps concerning the user fee proposal.

Following a meeting on March 14, Dole indicated the following points.

1 - There will be no Corps of Engineers fees whatsoever for the use of private boats on the lakes in question or for boat launching ramps where no special mechanical or hydraulic equipment is available.

2 - Only use fees comparable to those charged at similar sites by other federal agencies would be charged.

3 - Preliminary studies indicate that overnight fees at approximately 90% of the camp and trailer sites, where fees have customarily been charged by the Corps since 1965 would be less than \$2.00 -- significantly below the \$4.50 maximum mentioned in the published proposal.

However, Dole said there was serious disagreement with the Corps of Engineers over the intent of Congress regarding the collection of fees at day use recreation areas.

The letter requesting hearings was sent to the Senate Interior Committee and to the Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee.