



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Concerned about reports that Kansas is among the states hardest hit by gasoline shortages, Senator Bob Dole has contacted the Director of the Office of Oil and Gas, Duke Ligon, requesting immediate action.

Dole has asked the Oil and Gas Office to conduct a first-hand review of the Kansas situation. Dole said Ligon is looking into the matter and will be sending a special representative to meet with representatives of service stations, hotel and motel owners, tourism groups, the American Automobile Association, restaurant owners, and others.

"An announcement of the time and place for the meeting is expected early in the week," Dole said.

In a letter to Ligon, Dole wrote, "National figures show some 47 per cent of all service stations were operating normally last week. In Kansas, however, 85 per cent were restricting hours and days of operation or were limiting sales to customers." These figures were contained in a recent study by the AAA and reports from Kansas confirm them.

Dole pointed out that the shortage in Kansas affects "farmers, businessmen, families, and students who must frequently travel long distances in the everyday course of events. In addition, tourists traveling in Kansas are experiencing difficulties and some are reportedly bypassing the state because of the gasoline shortages. This development is having a severe impact on thousands of Kansans engaged in the hotel, motel, restaurant and other related businesses as well as the state's economy generally."