



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole announced today that he had discussed with President Nixon the possibility of obtaining some revisions in the Phase IV economic controls program.

In a two hour Wednesday morning meeting with the President, Dole described the problems that have arisen under the beef price ceiling. Dole asked the President to reconsider the Phase IV decision to keep the ceiling on beef prices in effect until September 12. Dole told Nixon, "the ceiling has tended to depress supplies and will lead ultimately to higher prices for the consumer. Many meat processors in Kansas have been forced to close their doors or sharply curtail their operations already, and if the ceiling is continued, the incidence of such closures may increase substantially. Eventually, the consumer may have difficulties finding meat on his grocer's shelves in the quantity and quality to which he has become accustomed."

Dole also discussed with the President the pending regulations affecting crude oil prices, and informed him of the adverse effect a roll back of crude oil prices would have on the independent producers of Kansas and elsewhere in the Midwest. "A roll back now, at a time when we are in danger of a serious fuel shortage," Dole stressed, "would have a detrimental impact on the supplies of petroleum products available in the Midwest."