



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate today passed an amendment sponsored by Senator John Tower (R.-Tex.) to end the current freeze on beef prices. Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kans.), a cosponsor of the amendment, called the Administration's decision to continue the freeze on beef prices until September 12 unfair and stupid.

In a statement on the Senate Floor Dole said, "It just does not make sense on any grounds," Dole said. "Why should one product and one food industry be singled out over all the others for a freeze on prices -- especially in light of the tremendous cost increases it has been forced to absorb in recent months?"

"It only takes a nugget of common sense to recognize the futility and nonsense of this policy," Dole continued. "And I believe it clearly points up the risk involved whenever a know-it-all government starts meddling with the basic supply and demand structure of our free market economy."

"Today, Senator Tower and I are offering an amendment that would end the freeze on beef before it inflicts lasting damage on the entire country."

"I believe it is unfortunate that we in Congress must take such action on a single aspect of national economic policy. It would be far better if those who formulate these policies would consult with and heed those -- if not in Congress, then at least in the Department of Agriculture or the private sector -- who do understand and who do realize the basic workings of our food production system. Adoption of this amendment will relieve the current stranglehold on beef supplies. And it might act as some notice to the nation that Congress, at least, can recognize a worthless policy and act to end it," Dole concluded.