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## NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob DOle today co-sponsored an amendment that would permit service stations operators to pass through gas and diesel cost increases charged them by their suppliers. The amendment comes in response to a Cost of Living Council regulation put into effect last week which imposes a ceiling on retail sales prices for the fuels.

"In an effort to bring down the cost of gasoline, the CLC imposed this ceiling on the retailers," Dole said. "However, the regulations have not been effective, and many retail gasoline and diesel distributors are now finding that they must absorb the loss caused by the recent wholesale price increases," he added.

The amendment would help lessen the critical squeeze on the retail distributor brought on as a result of the CLC regulations. It would allow the retailer aspass-through on his costs to help offset the higher wholesale price being charged to him.