



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE SEEKS FUEL TRADE HEARINGS, URGES END TO FUEL EXPORTS

GARDEN CITY, KAN. -- Senator Bob Dole today called for an immediate end to the export of America's fuel and energy resource products whenever such exports run counter to our national effort to conserve our domestic energy supply. In a letter to Finance Committee Chairman Russell Long (D.-La.) Dole, the ranking Republican on the Subcommittee on Energy called for an immediate Committee review of American trade policies with regard to petroleum. We must assure, he said, that "not one gallon of American fuel is needlessly sent abroad."

Dole made the remarks while in Garden City for a dinner meeting. "It makes no sense for us to be exporting any fuel or any potential energy source which may be needed here, and at the same time ask the American public to make sacrifices by cutting back on their energy consumption."

Dole said, however, that a total embargo on exports of fuel and petroleum by-products may not be called for at this time. Apparently in some instances the exporting of certain petroleum byproducts which are not in short supply domestically is part of a trade relationship which permits the importing of large quantities of fuel which are in greater demand in this country. For example, while a major portion of our exports of petroleum products goes to Canada and Mexico, these sales are said to make it possible for us to import more than a million barrels a day from Canada and 30,000 barrels a day from Mexico, an amount far greater than what we export.

Nonetheless, Dole said, favorable trade situations may not exist in all instances. We export the equivalent of approximately 250,000 barrels a day according to the Department of Commerce. This amounts to only approximately 1.3% of our daily oil consumption, but at the same time the export of distillate such as home heating oil and heavy fuel oil shows a recent increase. For this reason and because of the recent cutback in the flow of Mideast oil, I feel an immediate and thorough review of our trade policy is necessary. We must be assured that our policies permit maximum distribution of fuel, such as home heating oil, to American families needing it this winter.

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