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DOLE'S ENERGY AMENDMENT APPROVED

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The Senate today approved an amendment to the Emergency Energy Act authored by Senator Bob Dole. The Kansas Senator's amendment assures representation for the independent segments of the energy industry on the National Energy Emergency Advisory Committee.

This committee would be established to serve as an advisory body to the President on the implementation of all aspects of the national program to conserve energy during the expected scarcity of fuels in the coming months.

"The independent sectors of the petroleum industry are highly important to Kansas and to the Nation," Dole said in Senate debate. "And it is important that the independent producers, refiners, transporters and wholesale and retail marketers have an input if this program is put into operation."

Dole noted that the multi-billion dollar integrated oil companies often receive the greatest share of the attention and publicity surrounding energy issues today. "Both the majors and the independents have a great deal of knowledge, expertise and ability in energy matters," he said. "There is no question that the majors should sit on the Emergency Energy Advisory Committee, but I believe the national interest requires that independents be assured of representation, too."

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