



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE BLASTS DOT ACTION ON GENERAL AVIATION FUEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.--In a strongly worded telegram to Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar, Senator Bob Dole said today that Brinegar's directive of November 28th "which sets impossible allocations of general aviation fuel, has created havoc in the light aircraft and business aviation industry." Dole blasted what he termed the "apparent disregard by the Department of Transportation for general aviation."

Brinegar had sent a November 28th letter outlining fuel use curtailment guidelines, to all general aviation aircraft owners and operators.

The full text of Dole's telegram follows.

The Honorable Claude S. Brinegar  
Secretary of Transportation  
Washington, D.C. 20590

The apparent disregard by the Department of Transportation for general aviation, and your directive of November 28 which sets impossible allocations of general aviation fuel, has created havoc in the light aircraft and business aviation industry. The state of Kansas produces approximately sixty percent of the world's light aircraft, and the economy of the state relies on its continued strength and growth. Premature release of your suggested cutbacks, in advance of accurate estimates of fuel available, is deplorable.

Mr. Secretary, I can recall President Nixon specifically stating that, while sacrifices would have to be made, every effort would be made to lessen the economic impact where possible. I can tell you very frankly that your letter totally disregards the President's wishes.

Under the circumstances, Mr. Secretary, all those who have received the initial letter should be notified to disregard its contents until the actual consumption estimates have been made and then compared with the expected availability of aviation fuel.

Bob Dole  
United States Senate

