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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

(R.-Kans.)

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NO NEWS AND GOOD NEWS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Dole stated today he has called every member of President Nixon's Energy Emergency Action Group. The Energy Emergency Action Group will meet at 2:00 this afternoon to discuss, among other things, previously announced general aviation fuel reductions. "The proposed reduction of 42-1/2 percent for general aviation is grossly unfair," Dole said, "and I have requested the Energy Emergency Action group to treat general aviation equally with all other users of transportation fue ."

Dole was hopeful a decision could be reached yet this weekend because of the severe economic impact such a reduction is having, and will continue to have, in the Wichita area.

On the bright side, Dole said he feels certain that Congress will authorize adequate funds this years for continuing the B-52D modification program in Wichita. Dole said he has been in constant contact with members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, with Secretary of Defense, James Schlesinger, and top Boeing officials. Dole stated he and Congressman Garner Shriver expect final Congressional approval within the next week or ten days. If approval comes, it could mean 1,000 new jobs in Wichita after six months, and upwards of 2,000 jobs within twelve months.

The total estimated cost of the B-52 Modification Program is approximately \$200 million.

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