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NEWS from **U.S. Senator Bob Dole** 

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KANSAS CITY, KANSAS--Senator Bob Dole announced today his recommendation to Federal Energy Chief, William Simon, that Members of Congress, Governors, and other government officials should be treated the same as all other citizens under the standby gas rationing program being developed.

Senator Dole has met several times with Simon regarding Kansas's energy problems since Simon was appointed four weeks ago.

Dole said, "I hope that voluntary conservation measures will make rationing unnecessary. But I have also made it clear I oppose any special favoritism where high ranking officials would be granted increased fuel allowances such as we practiced during World War II rationing, and I hope that the conditional gas rationing plans being developed today will steer clear of such preferential treatment and treat everyone fairly."

Senator Dole's office also announced a year-end series of energy meetings on Monday, December 31.

Dole will meet with TWA members of the Airline Pilots Association in his Kansas City, Kansas office at 11:00 a.m. At noon, Senator Dole will meet with leaders of the independent truck drivers and owner-operators association.

At 3:00 p.m., Senator Dole will confer in Lenexa, Kansas with representatives of several area plastic manufacturers and related industries concerning their fuel problems.

Senator Dole will also meet Monday with James Newman, the new director of the regional office of petroleum allocation before returning to Washington Tuesday for meetings later in the week with Energy, Amtrak, and Housing and Urban Development officials.