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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole will hold a meeting with the country's major baling wire producers on Thursday, January 24. They will investigate possible measures to alleviate the baling wire shortage.

Baling wire has become a scarce commodity due to the general world-wide tight supply of steel products. Also, many steel companies have diverted stocks previously used in its production to higher-profit items.

Dole said he was concerned because "the baling wire supply, which was tight last summer, threatens to become even more severe if measures are not taken immediately."

Besides Senator Dole, the meeting will include representatives from Armco Steel of Kansas City, Mo, Colorado Fuel and Iron, The Cost of Living Council, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Commerce. Senators from states affected by the baling wire shortage have also been invited.