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DOLE MEETS WITH PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole met with President Richard Nixon at 12:30 today to give the President a first hand report on the views and problems of Kansans. During the Senate recess, Dole made 62 appearances in Kansas. Most of these were public meetings during which the Senator answered questions and listened to views of Kansans and it was information he gathered in these meetings that he passed along to the President.

Dole told Nixon that first and foremost in the minds of most Kansans were questions about the energy shortage. "One of the biggest problems in Kansas right now," he told the President, "is the skyrocketing price of propane. Kansans are also concerned about whether the energy crisis is a real or manufactured problem. Following closely after energy problems and questions, was concern over shortages of baling wire and fertilizer."

Dole related to the President his own efforts to aid petroleum consumers -- Dole has met with IRS officials, propane suppliers and consumers and he asked William Simon for a change in regulations that now allow costs other than those directly related to propane to be added to it. The Senator has also asked that propane prices be rolled back to a more reasonable level.

After hearing about the extra -30- being placed on people by propane prices.

Especially the elderly and those on fixed incomes, the President assured Senator Dole

that he would confer with Simon to the extent possible to bring the regulations to the attention