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RESOLUTION TO END TRUCK STRIKE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The Senate today passed and sent to the House of Representatives a joint resolution co-sponsored by Senator Bob Dole which is intended to help encourage an early end to the truck strike.

The resolution would authorize truckers to pass through their higher fuel costs to their shippers, effective February 15th. The Interstate Commerce Committee had last week proposed a rule change to allow this pass-through, but under routine procedures, it could not have gone into effect before March 20th. The resolution passed today, Dole said, "provides a shortcut through the regular procedures so the pass-through can go into effect in days instead of weeks.

"Relief from high fuel costs has been the chief objective of the independent truckers," Dole added. "Today's action represents a serious effort on the part of the Congress to obtain that relief and I believe it will be effective.

"I believe the truckers should now show a willingness to go back to work. They can continue to press for their other objectives at the same time. They have proven their point to the American people. The Congress is moving rapidly to grant them substantial relief. But now the American people deserve some relief too. The truckers should go back to work."