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NEW ICC RULING FOR TRUCKERS TO BE ANNOUNCED

WICHITA, KANSAS--Senator Bob Dole says he has learned from the Interstate Commerce Commission that its proposed rule requiring shippers to cover the increased fuel costs which truckers must pay will be issued tomorrow morning.

The rule requires motor carriers, with whom an independent trucker may contract, to compensate the trucker for any fuel costs he incurs which are in excess of costs for fuel on the base date of May 15th.

Dole said "he was pleased that quick Congressional action on this made it possible for the ruling to go into effect on February 15,"

Under routine procedures, the proposed rule change could not have gone into effect before March 20th at the earliest. A bill, sponsored by Senator Dole and others, expedited the effective date of the measure so that it can go into effect on the 15th of February.

"This action, coupled with the allowance for a six percent surcharge on rates," said Dole, "should make it possible for truckers to operate at a profit, in spite of increased fuel costs." The shipper will be required to pass along to the truckers,