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DOLE HITS ENERGY BILL'S DAMAGE TO KANSAS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--After voting to sustain the veto of the Energy Emergency Act, Senator Bob Dole today said, "The Energy Act really means a rollback on the Kansas economy and on energy supplies--not retail prices."

"This is a bad bill which should not become law. It is against the consumer's interests. It would hamper America's energy independence program. And it would cost the Kansas economy jobs, money and vitally needed new oil and gas supplies," Senator Dole said.

"It is false and misleading for the bill's supporters to claim that it provides significant price relief to consumers of gasoline, propane and other petroleum products. Its rollback provision only reaches 1/6th of the oil consumed in America. It has no impact on expensive imports and very little application to the giant international oil rompanies.

"By hitting primarily stripper well oil and newly discovered petroleum, however, the Energy Act would cost the Kansas economy \$85 million per year. This means damage to the State's overall economy, fewer jobs and less crude oil to supply the needs of farmers, businesses and families in Kansas."

Senator Dole urged that Congress "stop playing politics with energy" and pass responsible legislation to establish an independent Federal Energy Administration, strengthen unemployment insurance programs, and place a workable tax on excess energy profits.