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VOTE ON DOLE'S BILL TO RAISE SPEED LIMIT SET FOR MONDAY

KIOWA, KANSAS -- The Senate has scheduled debate and a final vote Monday on Senator Bob Dole's amendment to raise the national speed limit to 60 miles per hour.

Dole says he is hopeful that his amendment will receive favorable consideration. "The lifting of the Arab oil embargo, the easing of the energy crisis generally, and the real hardship which a 55 mile per hour limit can cause on residents of a state like Kansas, all provide sound arguments for approving this modest raise in the speed limit", Dole said. "In addition, the lower limit is having an extremely serious impact on the nation's trucking industry, on which our farmers and cattlemen, and indeed all of us, rely so heavily."

Dole said that the modest increase would not in his view "jeopardize energy conservation efforts nor the enhanced highway safety experienced since the limit was lowered to 55". A 5 mile per hour increase, he added, "would, however, make highway travel for motorists and truckers a lot more convenient and less time consuming".

Dole has introduced his proposal as an amendment to Senate Bill S. 3267, the Standby Emergency Energy Authority Act. Debate on his amendment is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. Monday, with a vote anticipated for 3:00 p.m.