



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE INFORMED OF LIVESTOCK ACTIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole learned from White House officials today that efforts are moving forward on two fronts to assist the severely depressed livestock industry.

Dr. Kenneth Rush, Presidential Economic Coordinator, informed Dole that a White House Conference concerning the livestock situation will be held later this week or early next week. The conference, which was recommended by Dole last week during his meeting with the President, will be composed of representatives of cattlemen, packers and meat retailers.

The goal of this meeting will be to build cooperation among integral parts of the meat industry in an attempt to prevent economic disaster for livestock producers and packers, which would ultimately spread into other sectors of the economy. Special sales and other actions by retailers and packers, which would increase consumer purchases and strengthen live cattle markets, are among the topics expected to be discussed.

Dr. Rush advised Dole that an inter-agency task force composed of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, State and other relevant agencies, is being organized to study the meat import situation and make prompt recommendations. Dole urged that every effort be made to act quickly in view of the severity of the situation facing cattle, hog and other livestock producers.

The Kansas Senator also contacted Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz to urge more positive action by USDA.

Dole stated that "the number of cattlemen going out of business these days demands immediate action or the entire economy may be affected. Economic disaster in the livestock industry will ultimately result in consumers paying higher prices so that cowherds and feeding facilities now being liquidated can be rebuilt." Dole stated that in addition to the cattle business, hog and other livestock industries are suffering from high feed prices and extremely low prices for live animals.