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DOLE CHARGES DoE WITH FAILURE TO DEVELOP NEW ENERGY SOURCES

Hampton, N.H. --- Senator Bob Dole(R-Kansas) charged that the Department of Energy has accomplished less with more money than any other major government agency.

In remarks delivered in Hampton, New Hampshire, Dole said that "despite a budget larger than the budgets of the largest oil companies, despite a staff of nearly 20,000, the Department of Energy has done little or nothing to encourage increased production of petroleum in the United States or to expedite the development of new, non-exhaustible energy sources. Instead, President Carter and his Energy Department have insisted on extracting billions of dollars in increased energy taxes from the American people."

"Fortunately, the Senate has refused to go along with the President's requests for higher energy taxes. In an effort to end-run Congress, the President has threatened to impose higher import on imposed crude oil in an effort to force up still higher the cost of fuel oil, gasoline, and other petroleum products -- a policy which would only add to inflationary pressures without increasing supplies of lower priced, domestic energy sources," Dole said.

"The Department of Energy has also displayed a disturbing lack of interest in renewable energy resources even though the Agency was created specifically to work on new energy ideas. As the Department of Energy continues to impede, rather than promote the development of new energy sources and if the Department continues to support inflationary energy taxes, Congress should give specific consideration of abolishing it."