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PRESIDENT CRYING WOLF ON IMPORT QUOTAS, DOLE SAYS

WASHINGTON -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said today that the Carter administration's threats to impose oil adjustments on imported oil are "like crying wolf."

"These repeated scare tactics are not going to convince the Congress to adopt his ill conceived energy tax program," Dole said.

On Tuesday, the Senate passed the Dole amendment to the Treasury Appropriations Bill, prohibiting the allocation of funds to implement import fees and quotas, which the President has threatened to employ in an effort to provide momentum to his shattered energy tax program.

"Two days ago the Senate stated emphatically that it would not be threatened by the President into accepting a half-baked energy scheme," Dole said.

"Even after the Senate sent a clear signal to the President by adopting my amendment eliminating the authority to implement import oil adjustments, President Carter is still considering calling for import quotas.

"This is like crying wolf. These repeated scare tactics are not going to convince the Congress to adopt his ill-conceived energy tax program.

"The President should stop promising the European community and the American public things that he can't deliver.

"I think the President, before he goes to Bonn for the economic summit, should realize that there is wide support in the House for the Dole amendment, and that the call for import quotas is just as irresponsible as the call for import fees."