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CONGRESS SHOULD PUSH SEABROOK CONSTRUCTION, DOLE SAYS

NASHUA, N.H. -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said today that Congress should see to it that construction of the Seabrook Nuclear Power Station proceeds without further delays.

"Obviously the federal bureaucracy has failed to respond to the energy and employment needs of the Northeast," Dole said. "Regulatory delays in the building of the Seabrook plant have resulted in lost wages of \$114 million and nearly all of the 1,800 workers on this project have been laid off."

"The cost to New England in terms of energy independence is as great. There is not an area in the country that is as vulnerable to the whims of foreign oil imports as the Northeast. The Seabrook plant provides an important alternative source of energy for this highly vulnerable area."

"Unfortunately, the nuclear industry has been the victim of bureaucratic bungling and red tape. Gov. Thomson and Rep. James Cleveland have suggested that Congress ensure that construction is resumed."

The 'Cleveland Seabrook Amendment' directs the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to take all necessary action to issue, administer and enforce construction permits that authorize the continued construction of the Seabrook reactor.

"Because the administrative process has botched up the Seabrook plant construction, Congress has a responsibility to act," Dole said.