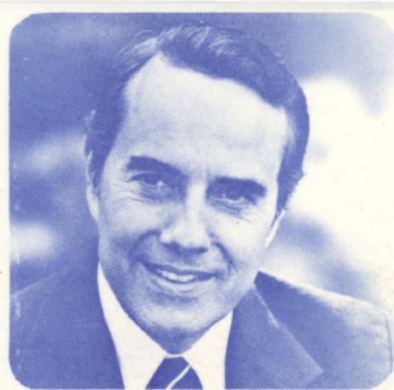


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## REPS SAY ICC SHOULD STOP ROCK ISLAND TRACK EMBARGO; CONTINUE DIRECTED SERVICE

WASHINGTON -- Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum, along with Representative Keith Sebelius, today called on the Interstate Commerce Commission to scuttle a proposed plan by the Kansas City Terminal to begin embargoing Rock Island Railroad track beginning tomorrow, January 24.

The three representatives, in a telegram to ICC commissioners, urged that the ICC reject the Terminal plan, and extend Rock Island directed service for an additional 90 days.

Following is the text of the telegram:

The Kansas City Terminal (KCT), now operating the Rock Island Railroad under directed service, has proposed a plan to embargo Rock Island track beginning January 24, 1980, on some portions, and February 1, 1980, on others. The embargo of the Rock Island would be completed between February 16 and 24, 1980. It is our understanding that the Interstate Commerce Commission will consider this proposal in the near future.

We urge you to reject the KCT's plan and extend directed service for an additional 90 days. Prospective buyers will not be in a position to take over lines upon the completion of directed service, leaving a great deal of track idle. Because the communities, farmers, shippers and railroad employees along the Rock Island Railroad depend upon this railroad service, discontinuing directed service at this early date is not in the public interest.

"It has been clear ever since the Kansas City Terminal took over Rock Island track that directed service is necessary and vital to the communities along the Rock Island line," Dole said. "The KCT plan would quickly put an end to continued operations under the directed service order, and would place a strain on those who have come to rely upon the Rock Island for their livelihoods."