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NATIONAL ALCOHOL FUELS COMMISSION TO HOLD WASHINGTON HEARINGS ON JUNE 18 & 19TH Washington, D.C. --- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas) a Commissioner of the National Alcohol Fuels Commission announced today hearings to be held by the Commission on June 18 and 19 in Washington, D.C. The first day of hearings will take place in Room 1202 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building and the second day taking place in Room 2318 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The hearings will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m. each day. Scheduled to appear before the Commission and present testimony and feasibility outlooks on alcohol production will be Secretary of Agriculture Bob S. Bergland, Secretary of Energy Charles Duncan, Barry Commoner of the Center for the Biology of Natural Systems, Lester Brown of the Worldwatch Institute, and various representatives from the automakers and commerical alcohol plant operations.

The Commission has held nine regional public hearings throughout the U.S. and will issue a final report to the President and the Congress no later than December of this year. "I believe that it is crucial that this nation move ahead in the development of alternative fuels to lessen the hold of the OPEC cartel" Dole said, "the hearings that will be held next week and the testimony that will be presented will help the Commission in formulating its recommendations to the Congress later this year on the exact feasibility and potential that alcohol fuel will play as a viable alternative fuel".

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