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DOLE NOT SURPRISED BY PRESIDENT'S DECISION

WASHINGTON -- Senator Robert Dole (R.-Kan.) today said he was not surprised by President Reagan's decision late Monday not to ask Congress to accelerate the current schedule of partial natural gas decontrol.

"It is certainly no surprise to those of us who work on the Hill everyday that there will apparently be no action this year on further decontrol. The president now knows what we have known for two months---passing natural gas decontrol legislation at this time would be almost impossible. In fact, passage of decontrol legislation even coupled with some form of tax would also be practically impossible," Dole said.

"There simply is not agreement or any kind of coalition at this time between industry, consumer groups or Congress on the decontrol question," Dole concluded.