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DOLE GOES TO BAT FOR ETHANOL AS CLEAN AIR DISCUSSION MOVES FORWARD

Washington, D.C. -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole spoke today to several Kansas radio stations about developing alternative uses for agriculture commodities: in particular, ethanol as an alternative fuel. The Senate is currently considering the Clear Air Act.

"We're on the Clean Air bill and we're trying to make certain that ethanol doesn't get cut out in the alternative fuels section. We think frankly, there's sort of an Administration bias for methanol. You have to import most of that and we think it's harder on engines. We think ethanol is better, more efficient, cleaner," said Dole.

"We want to make certain that we have our chance to compete because it's a big big thing for cities as far as reducing smog and pollution. It will also be a big big new market for our product. I have two staff people spending full time almost, on the alternative fuels section, and we think we have it worked out so that ethanol will be treated fairly and we'll have a right to compete for that market. This could be very big if it works out," added Dole.

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