

Bob Dole



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## RAIL STRIKE & KANSAS

### DOLE URGES CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO AVERT RAIL STRIKE; STRIKE COULD DEVASTATE FARMERS, SHIPPERS

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Senate Tuesday approved an amendment by Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) calling for Congress to act "immediately to forestall a possible railroad strike" which could have a devastating impact on farmers and commuters across America. The Dole amendment said action was needed because the "economic ramifications of such a strike are devastating to the country, and congressional action could prevent that economic damage."

Dole suggested an additional cooling-off period could be an appropriate first action to help avert a rail strike that could harm an economy struggling to recover. The amendment was approved by a voice vote after a Democrat attempt to kill it failed 39-58.

During debate, Dole argued a rail strike could be devastating to Kansas farmers who, in the midst of harvest, need to transport wheat to market by rail car. "This is critical in the midwest, critical to a lot of farmers," Dole said. "This is going to cause immediate hardship on people all across America. Whether on commuter trains or whether it is shipping potatoes, wheat or whatever it might be, this is going to have economic hardship on everybody in America and the economy is already struggling to recover."

Dole added he was not trying to legislate a settlement, but to "protect all the people on the outside who are neither labor nor management who have a big stake in this, whether they are commuters, shippers, or what ever they may be. There are going to be a lot of people inconvenienced, a lot of people disadvantaged, and a lot of people are going to lose a lot of money because Congress said 'we don't want to do anything in advance, we don't want to get prepared.'"

Dole urged the Senate Labor Committee to meet into the night to help forestall a strike at midnight Tuesday.

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Statement of Purpose: To express the sense of the Senate with regard to the effect of a possible rail strike

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES  
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MR. DOLE, for himself, and Mr. -----  
submitted the following amendment:

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Viz: At the appropriate place, add the following:

It is the sense of the Senate that Congress needs to act immediately to forestall a possible railroad strike to occur at midnight, tonight, since the economic ramifications of such a strike are devastating to the country, and congressional action could prevent that economic damage.

<b>AMENDMENT N<sup>o</sup> 2438</b>	
By .....	<i>DOLE</i>
Bill/Res. No. ....	<i>S. 2733</i>
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