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DOLE SECURES ASSURANCES PROTECTING NON-STRIKING RAIL WORKERS

WASHINGTON -- Prior to final Senate action late Thursday night ending the nationwide rail shutdown, Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) secured assurances protecting rail workers who showed up for work during the two-day job action but were prevented from working. Under the agreement worked out by Dole and Senator James Exon (D-Nebraska), employees who showed for work but were sent home by a railroad would be compensated by the railroad at the employee's usual wage rate.

"A number of workers in Kansas showed up for work but were sent home," Dole said. "Many railroads had no choice but to close their doors due to work stoppages, but it's important that employees prevented from working due to no fault of their own get paid. Let me also emphasize that this understanding realizes the truly unique circumstances and terms of this rail shutdown, and is not intended to set a precedent for future rail disputes. Above all, I am pleased that the trains are rolling again so we can keep our economy moving."

At midnight Thursday, the U.S. Senate approved a plan to end the rail shutdown by a vote of 87-6.

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