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DOLE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR COMPROMISE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--"It appears we have an energy shortage here in the Senate," Senator Bob Dole said following adjournment of the Senate Finance Committee because a quorum was not present.

Dole had planned to introduce an amendment intended to strike a compromise between Congressional members opposing any oil tariffs at all and the President's three-step oil tariff plan. The Dole amendment would allow the first, \$1 per barrel increase to remain in effect and then suspend any further oil import tax increases until May 1. Under the \$1 per barrel duty, the price of gasoline is expected to rise 1¢ to 2¢ per gallon.

"There was some support among those Committee members present today," Dole said. "If a quorum is present tomorrow perhaps a compromise can be agreed upon, thereby avoiding more delay or an eventual confrontation between Congress and the President--a confrontation the country doesn't need and can't afford. The suspension of further increases until May 1 would give us an opportunity to develop a comprehensive energy solution agreeable to Congress and the President."