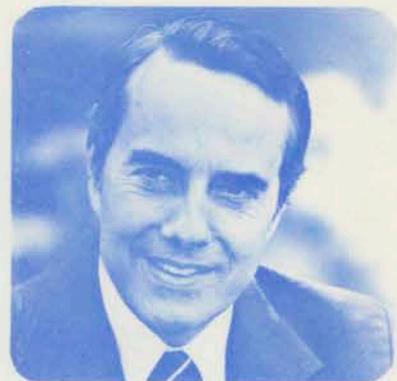


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DOLE APPLAUDS CARTER DECISION TO DROP RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today said he was "pleased the President had the good sense to shelve his proposal to form a Cabinet Department of Natural Resources."

Dole, a senior member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, had been strongly critical of the plan ever since it was announced, with great fanfare, last March 1.

"Clearly the President got the message from Congress that his proposal was ill-conceived and stood no chance of passage," said Dole.

The President's plan would have stripped the Department of Agriculture of its jurisdiction over the U.S. Forest Service, a move Dole called "disruptive and irresponsible."

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