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DOLE SAYS DOE REPORT ON ALCOHOL FUELS IS POSITIVE BUT LACKS
ADEQUATE POLICY INITIATIVES

WASHINGTON, D.C.....Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan) said today the Policy Review issued today by the U.S. Department of Energy is positive but lacks adequate policy initiatives.

Sen. Dole said he was surprised the report was so positive toward alcohol fuels. "I was pleased the DOE said they were committed to helping alcohol fuels achieve their potential in the Nation's energy future. I was also pleased the DOE felt alcohol fuels could contribute to U.S. energy resources."

"The most positive aspect of the report was DOE's position that they would encourage production and use of alcohol fuels and would urge States and the private sector to continue efforts to develop and market alcohol fuels as well as other alternative sources of energy."

Sen. Dole said, "I did not feel the DOE was advocating adequate policy initiatives to carry out their commitment to help alcohol fuels achieve their potential. Most of the positive actions toward alcohol fuels have come from the Congress. The Congress acted to give a federal gas tax exemption, additional tax incentives and more pilot projects."

"I believe DOE can do more in the next few years than they propose to do according to the report. I did not get the feeling from reading the report that DOE was going to be out front leading the way in developing creative federal actions to stimulate the production and use of alcohol fuels. They seem to indicate they will respond to Congressional action and action by the private sector," Dole stated. "Only time will tell whether DOE follows up on their commitment to support alcohol fuels."