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DOLE MEETS WITH INDEPENDENT TRUCKERS REPRESENTATIVE

WASHINGTON -- In a continuing effort to listen to the concerns of the trucking industry over the recently-passed Surface Transportation Act, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Robert Dole (R-Kan.) today met with an official of a national organization representing some 5,000 independent truckers.

Mark Perry, Governmental Affairs Director of the Owner-Operators Independent Drivers Association of America, met with Senator Dole, whose Senate Finance Committee helped write the new truck and highway tax laws.

"As I stated over the weekend, we are always ready and willing to meet with responsible and rational representatives of the trucking industry," Dole said. "I am pleased more truckers are returning to work as they have undoubtedly begun to realize that a nationwide shutdown was ill-advised given the fact the tax that most concerns the trucking industry doesn't even increase until July 1, 1984. I believe there is plenty of time to listen to truckers' concerns -- today's meeting is only the latest effort to make sure those concerns are expressed."