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WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 13 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole today urged his Senate colleagues to extend and renew the interstate compact to conserve oil and gas .

In a statement in the Senate supporting S.J. Res. 54, Dole said, "The oil and gas industry has recently come under unmerited attack. We have heard loud cries that the oil and gas industry is being given favored treatment.

"At this time, when the problems of our environment are of growing concern, we should reaffirm our faith in preservation of our great natural resources."

Kansas and 28 other states are members of the interstate compact which was signed in 1935.

In the statement, Dole noted the value of oil and natural gas production in Kansas alone last year was about a half billion dollars. In 1966, he said, direct tax collections totalled \$17,144,000, used primarily to support Kansas' public schools.

"This resolution is not only important to the industry," Dole said. "It is also important to all Americans if we are to conserve our oil and gas reserves through prevention of physical waste."