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WASHINGTON, D.C. June 10 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today joined Senator Roman Hruska (R-Neb.) and other Senators from livestock-producing states in urging the invocation of meat import quotas to insure a stable American beef market.

"Many of the recent attacks on the beef industry have brought undue concern to consumers," Dole said in a statement on the Senate floor.

The Kansas Senator said that last fall news media had carried a story proclaiming a shortage of beef based on projections of the Economic Research Service (ERS) of the USDA.

Two weeks ago ERS revealed that the projection was erroneous and assured consumers adequate beef production.@@

Dole also called for action against the trans-shipment of beef from Australia and New Zealand through Canada to the United States to avoid inclusion in those nations' import agreements.

"The beef industry can and will provide an adequate supply of meat for the consumer at reasonable prices if it can be guaranteed the stable market that would be provided by the invocation of meat import quotas as soon as possible," Dole said.