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WASHINGTON, D.C. July 16 -- "No more flags until at least August." That's the word from the United States Senate Stationery office, which supplies Senators with flags flown over the U.S. Capitol and then sent to constituents.

The firm supplying flags to the stationery office hasn't been able to keep pace with the demand.

The office of U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) has a list of over 30 requests for flags flown over the Capitol. The list grows daily.

"The demand for flags has always been great around the 4th of July," Dole said, "but requests have been unusually heavy all year. I'm pleased that so many Kansans are requesting the flag and the orders we have will be filled just as soon as possible."

Each Senator's office orders flags from the Senate stationery to fill requests from constituents. The flags are then sent from the Senator's office to the Architect of the Capitol and they are flown briefly over the Capitol.

The flags, each with a certificate showing the date flown, are mailed to those requesting them.

A recent Washington newsletter explaining how citizens may obtain such a flag and the charge for the two flag sizes, has contributed to the increased requests.

A 3 x 5 flag costs \$3.15 and a 5 x 8 flag costs \$6. The charge covers cost of the flag only. There is no charge for flying it over the Capitol or for mailing.