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WASHINGTON, D.C., MAR. 14, 1973 -- Senator Bob Dole today urged the Chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee, Senator Herman Talmage (D-Ga.), to make a complete committee review of the fuel potential of industrial alcohol made from grain.

In a letter to Talmage, Dole wrote, "In view of the startling reports emanating from all sections of the Nation regarding the serious shortages in refined crude oil products, particularly diesel fuel and gasoline, I am deeply concerned over the possible impact of these shortages on future crop production."

Dole said that increased demands for farm products accompanied by long periods of wet weather in the midwest have created an unprecedented demand for diesel fuel and gasoline for agricultural purposes.

Dole said that the committee should give immediate attention to this problem and recommended that the potential use of industrial alcohol made from grain be examined at that time.