

NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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KANSAS FARMSWIVESRVISIT TO WASHINGTON EFFECTIVE

Statement by Senator Bob Dole

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kan.) told a group of Kansas farm wives visiting Congressmen and Senators here that their visit to Washington may well have an effect on killing legislation to roll back meat prices.

"Such legislation would be a devastating blow to
Kansas farmers and I believe you've helped me convince many
of my colleagues of that fact," Dole told the group.

"If meat prices are rolled back to the January, 1973 level it would cost Kansas farmers \$297 million overnight and would put many Kansas beef farmers out of business.

Our Kansas economy cannot stand such a blow," he added.

"The housewife's concern about rising food costs is legitimate," said Dole, "but the villan is not the meat farmer. The villian is "inflation and the farmer is also a victim of inflation," Dole noted.

Mrs. Norma Pohl of Atchison, spokesman for the group, praised Senators Dole and Pearson for their leadership and promised to help convince their colleagues of the need to save the "economic lives" of the Kansas farmers.

Following their meeting with Senator Dole, he arranged for them to tour the White House. Several members of the group said they would make every effort to solicit the President's support for their cause.