



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole announced today that the problem posed by the persisting boxcar shortage will continue to be a focal point of attention. Dole said he had been in daily contact over the last week with fellow Kansan, George Stafford, Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and that he had received encouragement from Stafford and from officials of major railroad companies that extra boxcars would be available to meet the need in areas of Kansas most critically affected.

Dole said that the most serious problems seemed to exist along branch lines and that immediate attention should be given to easing pressures on grain storage facilities in these areas.

With respect to reported fuel shortages in Kansas, Dole said that the shortages which had earlier appeared to threaten the harvest had been eased considerably by the success this week of the special fuel team which he sent to Manhattan to work on the problem. The special team was successful in locating almost a million gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel for Kansas farmers, thus helping to assure a successful harvest.

Dole expressed his view that with the newly located supplies available, there appeared to be enough gas and diesel to meet the harvest requirements and he called on Kansans to continue to cooperate in the effort to assure equitable distribution of the supplies.