



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole announced today that a special representative of the Interstate Commerce Commission would conduct an on-site survey of boxcar requirements of Kansas grain dealers. Dole said that ICC Chairman George Stafford had reacted promptly to his request and promised to detail an ICC representative immediately.

Stafford has also begun a survey to determine whether any open hopper cars could be made available for routing to Kansas. While open cars are not ordinarily used for grain transportation, they can be used in an emergency.

"The record harvest has led to mounting pressures for wheat storage space. Reports of wheat piled on the ground -- both near elevators and on the farm -- have been made. This makes the need for box cars all the more urgent."

Dole also commented on the fact that the special fuel team he had dispatched to Manhattan had received no reports that the harvest had been substantially interrupted due to shortages of gas and diesel fuels. Dole said, "the harvest appears generally finished throughout the state except for the Northwest sector where it is about 80 to 90 per cent completed. The million and a quarter gallons of gas and diesel located by the special fuel team appears to have been of considerable help in assuring its success."