



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- "The beef shortage isn't coming, it's already here," according to Senator Bob Dole, who made the statement to high administration officials at a meeting in Washington on Wednesday afternoon.

At the meeting Dole reiterated the need for reconsideration and revision of two short-sighted Phase IV policy decisions. The first is the decision to keep a freeze on beef prices until September 12, and the second proposes a roll back of crude oil prices effective August 12.

Dole discussed these aspects of Phase IV at an hour long meeting with Treasury Secretary George Shultz, Counsellors to the President, Melvin Laird and Bryce Harlow, and Agriculture under secretary J. Phil Campbell.

"Some meat processors in Kansas have had to close their doors and others may soon have to do the same," Dole said. "This has already cost hundreds of Kansans their jobs. As a result, meat processors now face the dismal prospect of losing many of their best and most experienced employees. Continuation of the freeze is only going to make the problem worse."

Dole predicted that a similar supply shortage affecting petroleum products in the Midwest "would be the almost inevitable result of the planned imposition of a crude oil roll back," now scheduled to take effect on August 12.

Both of these decisions must be reconsidered, Dole stressed. The Kansas Senator has co-sponsored several legislative proposals in the Senate which are designed to ease the situation. One of these, which would legislatively require the immediate end of the beef freeze, is scheduled for consideration by the full Senate on Thursday.