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CONSERVATION MEASURES MAY MEAN LOWER INSURANCE PREMIUMS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Senator Bob Dole today pointed to the possibility that emergency fuel conservation measures may mean millions of dollars in savings on automobile insurance premiums for Kansas motorists.

Citing this possibility, Senator Dole requested Kansas Insurance Commissioner

Fletcher Bell to undertake a study of the impact such energy-saving measures can be expected to have on auto insurance rates.

In a letter to Commissioner Bell, Senator Dole said, "Lower speed limits and other steps to reduce the amount of driving by the public can be expected to mean fewer accidents. This in turn will mean reduced property damage, injuries and loss of life.

"Since automobile insurance premiums are based on actual loss experience, it would appear that one beneficial result of the energy crisis may be that Kansas drivers will be eligible for lower car and truck insurance rates."

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