



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## CONGRESS RUNS OUT OF GAS ON ENERGY BILL, DOLE REGRETS

Washington, D. C. -- Senator Bob Dole expressed regret that the Congress had been unable to agree on the Emergency Energy Bill and said he felt that "the leadership should consider calling the Congress back into session after Christmas for another try at working out the differences between House and Senate on the bill."

The Emergency Energy legislation would create certain needed authorities for governmental action in the energy crisis. "It is possible that some of the powers which the bill would grant may never be needed," said Dole, "but unless the authority to act is there, the government is left powerless to meet certain emergency circumstances which could conceivably arise."

Dole said he didn't know whether his suggestion of a post-Christmas session would be followed but added, "if the 93rd Congress was going to run out of gas at the end of its first session, this is the wrong piece of legislation to do it on."