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DOLE MEETS WITH SIMON TO DISCUSS ENERGY IMPACT ON KANSAS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--In a meeting today, Senator Bob Dole and William Simon, Federal Energy Administrator, discussed the effects of the energy shortage and fuel cutbacks on Kansas' economy, especially as they relate to aviation, independent truckers, and the plastics' industry. "I called to Mr. Simon's attention the loss of hundreds of jobs in the airline industry because of fuel cutbacks and in the plastics' industry because of a lack of petrochemical supplies," Dole said.

"Mr. Simon asked that I call to his attention any specific problems in Kansas and he reassured me that he would do anything he could to help find a solution.

"In our conversation, I expressed to Simon my hope that rationing could remain unneeded and emphasized to him that rationing would not mean lower prices or shorter lines at the gas pump. I also expressed the growing concern over possible excess profit-taking by the big oil companies and was assured by Simon that the Federal Energy Office is studying the situation in an effort to determine whether this is the case."