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DOLE CONFERS WITH DENT ON OIL FIELD SUPPLIES SHORTAGES

Great Bend, Kans.-----Senator Bob Dole conferred today by telephone with Frederick Dent, Secretary of Commerce, concerning the critical shortage of oil field casing drill pipe and related supplies. Dole told Secretary Dent that he had met with independent oil producers in many Kansas counties who were "ready, willing but not able" to explore for oil and gas because of the shortages.

Dole has received reports that major oil companies are stockpiling tubular goods and that steel companies are withholding from domestic markets or exporting these products.

Dent promised Dole a full report next week. "It seems to me," said Dole, "that if we have an energy crisis then there should be a priority for increasing exploration areas where there are known reserves."