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DOLE CALLS MEETING ON BALING WIRE SHORTAGE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole called a meeting of baling wire industry representatives and government officials today to discuss measures to increase the production of baling wire. Attending the meeting were Kansas Congressman Keith Sebelius and House Agr. Cmte. Chairman Bob Poage, representatives of Armco, Colorado Fuel & Iron, Cost of Living Council, Department of Commerce, and Department of Agriculture and several other Midwest Senators.

"We have a small crisis on our hands in Kansas because of the baling wire shortage," Dole said at the meeting, "and the secondary effect of the baling wire shortage on the beef industry may have even more serious consequences."

In response to industry needs to expand production, the Cost of Living Council advised the Kansas representatives that price increases would be granted in the next few days. While this will improve both long and short term prospects for baling wire production, industry representatives predicted a baling wire shortage of up to 35% of demand. Dole and Sebelius both stated that they would continue to search for additional incentives to supply required demands.