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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE CONFERS WITH ROTH ON STRIKE; SAYS TRUCKS SHOULD ROLL

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole said today in Washington "it is time for the striking truckers to stop insisting on unrealistic demands, go back to work and show the same willingness to compromise which they have asked from government."

Calling for an end to the work stoppage, Dole pointed out that the truckers, "far from showing a willingness to compromise, have so far rejected a proposal by the administration to freeze fuel prices, and have apparently ignored the quick action of the Senate which yesterday passed a resolution which promises to yield them almost immediate relief from rising fuel costs, and some have resorted to the ugly tactics of violence to try to force the issue their way."

Dole said he had talked this morning to U.S. Attorney for Kansas, Robert Roth on the truckers strike. Roth told Dole that his office was watching developments closely and Dole said he was sure Roth would "move in quickly on any violations of Federal law which may be involved in the disruptive tactics of some of the truckers."

"I understand fully that some of the truckers concerns may be quite legitimate. But the truckers must understand that efforts are underway to grant them relief where possible, and they must understand further that rigid and unreasonable demands and outrageous tactics do not further their own cause, and jeopardize the strength of the American economy. Government has gone to work trying to work out a fair solution. It is time for the truckers to go to work as well."