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DOLE WANTS TRUCKERS BACK TO WORK

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Senator Bob Dole today again urged truckers to accept the Administration's surcharge proposal and return to work. Dole said that the 6% surcharge should be adequate to enable drivers to meet their additional cost of operation which have resulted from higher fuel prices. "The drivers should go back to work and end this strike which is threatening our economy, jeopardizing thousands of jobs, and, worst of all, threatens more violence."

Dole said he was aware of the many problems truckers face and has written a letter to Senator Magnuson urging Commerce Committee hearings be held soon to permit a full study of the problems facing land transportation. But, Dole added that many of these problems must be solved legislatively and this requires time and the development of legislative support for the truckers proposals. The important thing now is that truckers be able to run and make a profit and the surcharge permits this.

Dole has also requested that the Internal Revenue Service investigate the loading and unloading costs which have been another cause of dwindling profits for truckers.

"I feel the surcharge has again made it profitable to run now," Dole said, "and I will continue to work in Congress to solve the other problems that face the trucking industry."