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DOLE ANNOUNCES RULING ON PET SHIPMENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole was advised today that the Civil Aeronautics Board has temporarily rejected an air shipment rule which could have cost Kansas pet breeders upwards of \$5 million in sales of large puppies.

"Hopefully, this will give pet breeders an opportunity to find an economically feasible substitute for the crate they are now using without the economic difficulties they might have faced in the shipment of their larger animals," Dole said.

The CAB's action followed a letter by Dole to Members of the Board, urging a delay in acceptance of the ruling, on behalf of the 1,320 licensed pet breeders in the State. Several groups concerned with treatment of animals have protested the use of wirebound, unfinished wooden crates which are currently in service. Dole was advised that pet producers are willing to use different crates if it is practical financially.

Plastic crates are to be in production within a month which are economically feasible and which meet the standards of shippers and groups concerned with pet welfare. The crates will be capable of accommodating large puppies.

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