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DOLE URGES ACTION TO AVOID TRUCK STRIKE

Great Bend--Senator Bob Dole today urged top government officials to guard against the outbreak of another strike in the trucking industry.

Dole made his appeal in telegrams to Interstate Commerce Commission Chairman George Stafford, Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz and Federal Energy Office Administrator William Simon.

In his telegrams Senator Dole gave special emphasis to the cattle industry, noting that it "is just recovering from the effects of the last strike and would be especially hard hit" by another one.

"I conferred yesterday with Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter on the matter and am hopeful that every possible effort will be made by federal authorities to avert another crippling strike," Dole said.

Following is the text of the telegram that Dole sent to Stafford, Butz and Simon:

There is widespread concern in Kansas that another strike in the trucking industry may break out in the near future. This concern is understandable in light of the truck strike earlier this year which resulted in loss of life, serious economic hardship for many innocent bystanders, and widespread inconvenience to the public. The nation cannot afford to go through such an ordeal again.

The recurrence of another costly and violence-prone disruption in the transportation field would be highly undesirable, because it would come at such a critical time for the consumer, business and agricultural interests of Kansas and the nation. The cattle industry which is just recovering from the effects of the last strike would be especially hard hit, and many cattlemen would face financial ruin.

I appreciate the problems which many truckers face, particularly with regard to the economic impact of fuel price increases, and I believe every effort should be made to help find solutions. However, a strike at this time would be contrary to the best interest of everyone concerned.

Therefore, I urge that you exercise the most careful vigilance in monitoring the trucking industry and that you employ every appropriate authority to avoid another strike or unrest which might lead to repetition of last winter's unfortunate experience.