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# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE REGRETS SENATE FAILURE TO PASS 60MPH LIMIT: WILL OFFER AGAIN

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today expressed regret that the Senate failed to pass his amendment which would permit states to raise speed limits to 60 miles per hour.

Dole had said earlier that he didn't believe the "modest increase from 55 to 60 miles per hour would jeopardize energy conservation efforts or the enhanced highway safety experienced since the limit was lowered."

Calling 55 miles per hour "a frustratingly low speed in areas of the country -- such as Kansas -- where distances between towns and cities are great and alternatives to automobile transportation are few," Dole also pointed out that "the low limit is having serious economic consequences for the trucking industry and through it, other industries and business -- especially the beef industry -- which depends on truck transportation."

Dole had introduced his proposal as an amendment to Senate Bill S. 3267, the Standby Emergency Energy Authority Act. The amendment was defeated 51-29. Dole said he plans to offer the proposal again in the next 30 to 45 days.