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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE FEARS IMPACT OF IMPORTED BEEF ON CONSUMERS, KANSAS' ECONOMY

WASHINGTON, D.C.--According to Senator Bob Dole, it's the "consumers who will ultimately be hurt be economic disaster in the cattle business. Kansas' economy will also be harmed since the cattle industry is the number one money-making industry in the State," Dole added. The Kansas Senator made these statements upon introduction of his amendment to prohibit for ninety days the importation of fresh, chilled or frozen meat of cattle, goats and sheep (except lambs).

Congress must bear part of the responsibility for poor conditions in the cattle industry Dole said, "because of our failure to halt price controls sooner. Therefore, we should act all the more promptly to help the cattle industry -- and the American consuming public -- by passing this legislation."

Dole said beef imports this year are expected to total 1.55 billion pounds, which "represents over 7% of the total quantity of beef produced in this country last year. Clearly this portion of the market is enough to have a disastrous effect on the cattle industry."

Dole withdrew his amendment after receiving pledges of support from Senator Hubert Humphrey and others, that they would join him in pressing for imposition of import quotas. Dole also has a bill, similar to the amendment introduced today, pending before the Finance Committee.

Earlier in the day, Dole had met with members of the Kansas Livestock Association and Peter Flanigan, Assistant to the President for International Economic Affairs and Executive Director of the Council on International Economic Policy. Flanigan pointed out that the quarterly review of import quotas is presently being conducted. He also said that the situation of the Kansas and U.S. livestock industries would be given careful consideration.