



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE CALLS FOR EMBARGO ON CANADIAN MEAT AND FARM PRODUCTS IMPORTS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today strongly urged the Administration to halt imports of Canadian meat and other farm products in response to Canada's continued refusal to accept American beef. Dole also encouraged the Department of Agriculture to impose import quotas on meat, dairy and wheat products.

In a letter to Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz, Dole said that, "Canadian meat and farm products are continuing to flow unrestricted into this country while the Canadian government continues to bar our own meat shipments. If they continue to bar our meat products, import quotas should be imposed immediately on Canadian beef, pork, poultry, eggs and dairy products.. If this is not possible, the Department should ask Congress for an immediate embargo on Canadian livestock products." Because over 40 Senators have endorsed import quotas, Dole expressed confidence that Congress would be responsive to an Administration request

"Canadian bureaucrats are apparently continuing to overreact to the unfounded rumor that diethylstilbestrol (DES) causes cancer, as American bureaucrats did earlier," Dole stated, "and an embargo on Canadian meat shipments to the U.S. might encourage them to study the facts about DES more carefully."

"In view of the severe plight of the livestock industry, simply talking to other governments is not adequate. Positive action in the form of reimposing import quotas is needed, and the Canadian obstinance is an example." Dole said. The Senator added that continued suspension of import quotas is extremely shortsighted in view of the impact a decline in the livestock industry could have on future meat and dairy supplies and prices for consumers and it appears that the U.S. is unilaterally giving up its bargaining position on import quotas without obtaining anything in return."