



# **NEWS** from **U.S. Senator Bob Dole**

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Washington, D.C.--Late yesterday Senator Bob Dole met with Federal Energy Administrator John Sawhill concerning the shortage of asphalt. The meeting was held following a conference between members of the Kansas Congressional delegation and paving contractors of the Kansas Asphalt Pavers Association.

"Asphalt is a key material to the great American transportation system, with 92% of our roads and highways made of asphalt," Dole told Sawhill, "and in a very real sense, this product is extremely vital to the continued well-being of our economy, in Kansas and in other states."

Dole requested that the FEA take all steps within its power to encourage the production of asphalt by refiners with excess capacity. The Kansas Senator suggested that an effort should be made to alert the Congress to the shortage of asphalt and the detrimental impact it could have on the U. S. transportation system. Early indications are that additional legislation is needed to give the FEA authority to help resolve the shortage.

Kansas asphalt pavers told Senators Dole and Pearson and Congressmen Shriver and Sebelius that the shortage of asphalt has resulted from the energy shortage and the lack of profitability for oil refineries producing asphalt.