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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE URGES FORD'S SUPPORT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

WICHITA---In a telephone conversation from Wichita Friday night, Kansas Senator Bob Dole urged President Gerald Ford to announce the President's support of the pending Consumer Protection legislation in the U.S. Senate.

Senator Dole said he talked to the President at length about the proposal, and added "I told the President he should support the Act as a major anti-inflation tool." Senator Dole said he further asked that the President announce his support of the Act prior to next week's national economic summit conference.

"I told President Ford that an announcement of his support for this major piece of legislation could be the catalyst needed to cut off debate on the bill in the Senate," Dole said. The Senator pointed out that as soon as debate on the current proposal ends, it will mean the Senate will then take under consideration the Dole substitute bill, which removes many of the objections voiced by business and farm groups to the present form of the Act.

Senator Dole said the President told him he would take a look at the proposal, and would give it his full consideration. Dole said he urged the President's support for the measure because of the effect the legislation would have on virtually every consumer in the United States. Among other things the Act would create a federal consumer protection agency.

Senator Dole said during his telephone visit President Ford asked about the Senator's re-election campaign, and wished him the best of luck in the effort.

The Senator said he visited with President Ford shortly after Dole's arrival in Wichita Friday evening to begin a series of campaign appearances in the State. The Senator's schedule is highlighted by a debate with his opponent on agricultural issues Saturday afternoon at the State Fair in Hutchinson.