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DOLE SAYS SENATE STAND IS FIRM AGAINST OIL FEES, QUOTAS

WASHINGTON - Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said today that the Senate's vote yesterday to prohibit the imposing of oil import fees by the administration showed that "we are not going to accept threats and irrational energy policy dictated by the Carter administration."

The Senate approved Dole's amendment to the Treasury Appropriations Bill that prohibited the allocation of funds to implement the threatened import fees.

"The Senate has stated unequivocally that we are not going to accept threats and irrational energy policy dictated by the Carter administration," Dole said.

"I've heard some unsettling rumors that because of the Senate vote yesterday, the administration is looking at imposing oil import quotas.

"This shows that the administration is groping in the dark. Import quotas are the worst kind of market allocation. Like the oil import fees, quotas will cause serious inflation, have severe regional impacts and stifle our delicate economy.

"There is a reason for the Senate's bipartisan vote. Instead of blasting the Senate, the President should be taking a hard look at his own policies. Obviously, many of us don't think much of them.

"The administration still doesn't understand the energy problem. We should encourage domestic development of traditional and new energy resources, instead of discouraging the energy industry in the United States."