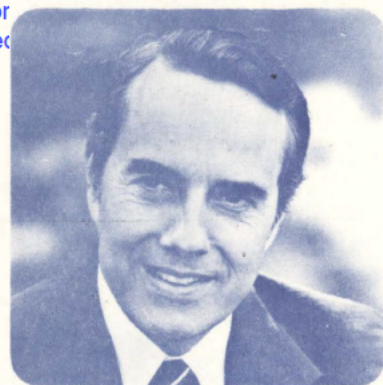


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PROGRESS MADE AT ROCK ISLAND MEETING-- DOLE HOPEFUL

WASHINGTON-- "We made some real progress and I think things are looking up for continued service on the Herrington line," said Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today following a meeting on the Rock Island, held here in Washington.

The meeting, arranged by Dole, brought together officials from the I.C.C., the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad (the Katy Line), the Federal Railway Administration, and shippers on the Rock Island Railroad.

"Today we got things moving again," said Dole. "It is very important to the people of Kansas that we insure that service continues on the rail lines of the bankrupt Rock Island. We saw the Katy line and the I.C.C. move closer together in their efforts to work out an agreement."

Dole pointed out that the I.C.C. and the Federal Railway Administration indicated they would approve Katy service on the line from Herrington, through Wichita to Fort Worth, Texas, if the Katy would withdraw its request for \$3 million in start-up money from the federal government.

The various parties also developed the concept of a surcharge for services, to be used for start-up costs, and the Katy line, the Federal Railway Administration, the I.C.C. and the shippers agreed to meet again in the midwest, hopefully next week, to work out the final agreement.

"We hope to keep the momentum up," said Dole. "The Herrington line is one of two lines in Kansas that needs help. We're moving along on the Herrington line, and hopefully we get some progress on the northern line as well."

Among those participating in the meeting: Senator Nancy Kassebaum; I.C.C. Chairman Darius Gaskins; Dick Shieffelbein, Director of the Rail Services Planning Board; William Loftus, Associate Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Art Albin, Counsel, Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad; Garland Rice, Atchinson Co. Co-op; Bill Armfield, Kansas Crop, Service, Inc.; Otis Knapp, Sun Oil Co. (Oklahoma); James K. Smith, First National Bank of Herrington, Kansas; Jim Timmis Kaiser Fert. Co.; Ed Andres, Elbing (Kansas) Grain; Rick Andres, also of Elbing; Mr. and Mrs. John Umback, of the Elbing Bank; Harvey Riffel of the Lincolnville (Kansas) Co-op, as well as representatives of Jeffries, Glickman, Whittaker, and Sebelius' office.