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DOLE READY WITH AMENDMENT TO BLOCK PRESIDENT'S OIL IMPORT FEE

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said today that he is prepared to introduce an amendment to the Debt Limit Bill tomorrow to block imposition of President Carter's oil import fee.

"Although the House has reached an agreement to take up the matter tomorrow, it is obvious that the House leadership, along with President Carter, is strongly in favor of imposing a 10-cent-per-gallon gas tax on the American consumer," Dole said.

"I totally support the efforts of those in the House working to overturn this inequitable tax. But if the House resolution of disapproval doesn't succeed, I want to assure my colleagues that I fully intend to offer an amendment to the Debt Limit Bill in the Senate.

"I have been pressing for prompt action to stop this tax from the start. I introduced a resolution of disapproval to block the fee, which in a test vote on the budget resolution was solidly agreed to by the Senate. Yet despite the overwhelming sentiment in both Houses to reject the import fee, there are forces in the House, particularly, that are very intent on seeing this effort quashed. I am convinced, however, that there are enough votes in both the House and Senate to beat this fee, as well as override a veto if necessary.

"Regardless of House action, the Senate has gone on record as opposing this ill-conceived revenue measure. It may be that the only way to finally put the 10-cent-per-gallon gasoline tax out of its misery is through an amendment to the Debt Limit Bill, which I am prepared to offer."