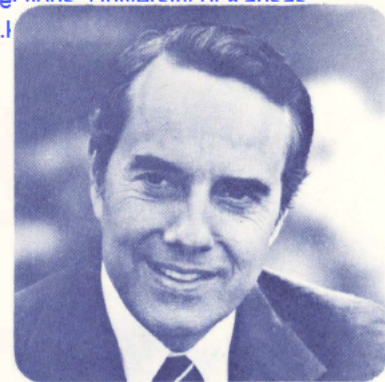


## News from Senator

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### DOLE SAYS SIGNING OF BILL INCLUDING SPR WILL 'SIGNAL INDEPENDENCE'

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today said that the inclusion of a Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) provision in the Synthetic Fuels Bill "will at long last signal that this nation is ready to move towards independence from OPEC."

Senator Dole, who introduced legislation Nov. 8, 1979, calling on the Administration to fill the Strategic Reserve, calls the compromise provision mandating that at least 100,000 barrels per day be placed in reserve "a good first step."

Dole, who was joined by Senator Bill Bradley (D.-NJ) both on the original bill and in working out the compromise amendment to the Synthetic Fuels Bill (S.932), says he expects the legislation could be reported out of Conference as early as this week and could be on the President's desk by the Fourth of July.

"I have been assured that the Strategic Petroleum Reserve provisions will be included in the final bill, despite the Administration's objections. It is fitting that we are likely to act on this around Independence Day-- for the SPR in a very real sense is a partial guarantee of energy independence for this nation," said Dole.

In November Dole and Bradley pointed out that the United States had placed only 91 million barrels in the SPR in Louisiana-- barely an 11-day supply.