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FINANCE COMMITTEE ADOPTS TARIFF PROPOSAL ON FOREIGN ALCOHOL

WASHINGTON-- The Senate Finance Committee today accepted a Dole amendment calling for a 40-cent per gallon tariff on alcohol imported for fuel purposes.

The Dole amendment was adopted without opposition.

The measure is expected to have a positive effect on the domestic production of alcohol and ethanol for use in producing gasohol.

"In March, 1980, four million gallons of ethanol were imported," said Dole. "By April that figure had jumped to 12 million gallons and we have heard reports that in May 20 million gallons came into the United States. In acting to provide incentives for the development of a domestic alcohol fuel industry in the U.S., we did not intend to subsidize the use of imported alcohol (largely from Brazil). We do not need to subsidize our dependence on OPEC oil with a dependence on Brazilian alcohol," said Dole.

"The adoption of my amendment will be a great spur to the domestic gasohol and alcohol fuel industry," added Dole.

The measure would raise approximately \$100 million in revenue per year, at most. It was attached to the reconciliation budget.