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## BUDGET CONFEREES AGREE TO DOLE ROYALTY CREDIT

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today announced that House Senate conferees on the budget reconciliation bill have accepted his amendment providing a tax refund for oil royalty owners equal to the first \$1,000 of windfall profit tax liability in calendar year 1980. Dole, ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, was a member of that conference.

Additionally, he said, the conferees also agreed to a tariff on foreign alcohol, used in blending gasohol here in the United States.

"This is another step in the continuing effort to insulate oil royalty owners from the pernicious effects of the windfall profit tax," Dole said. "This amendment will neutralize some of those effects. In taxing royalty owners at the same rate as major oil companies, the windfall tax works an unconscionable hardship on the more than two million small royalty owners in this country, the vast majority of whom are retired persons who depend on royalty checks to supplement Social Security payments, and farmers, who are currently hard-pressed by low farm prices and high interest rates.

"I should also stress that by not adjusting the base price, the burden for the federal revenue loss will not be shifted to other producers."

Individual taxpayers would claim the credit after the close of the year by filing a form along with their income tax returns. "Approximately 120,000 royalty owners in Kansas stand to benefit if this legislation is eventually passed by the Congress," Dole said.

The conferees agreed to a tax on imported alcohol of 10 cents per gallon in calendar year 1981, 20 cents per gallon in calendar 1982, and 40 cents per gallon in calendar year 1983. Dole was the author of the 40 cent tax adopted by the Senate.

"I am enthusiastic about this amendment," Dole said. "Since early this year, the U.S. market has been flooded with alcohol fuel imported from Brazil. This flood has threatened to wash away the infant U.S. gasohol industry. By acting on this tax schedule, the conferees are sending a clear signal that we want U.S. gasohol production to flourish."