

## News from Senator

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### DOLE MAKES REQUEST FOR ROCK ISLAND NEGOTIATIONS TO RESUME

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kan.) today asked the trustee of the Rock Island Railroad for his cooperation in reopening negotiations towards the purchase of segments of the Rock Island line. In a letter to William Gibbons, Dole, who has previously been critical of the trustee, had this to say:

"I write this letter to ask for your cooperation in resuming negotiations with representatives of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad and the Oklahoma-Kansas-Texas Rail Users Association concerning the potential purchase of segments of the Rock Island line.

"I am certain that you are well aware of my interest in having rail service continue and, in light of the December 31 shutdown in service, of the urgency in my plea for resumption of negotiations.

"I recognize the disposition of the Rock Island properties has been a difficult task fraught with uncertainties and conflicts and perhaps not made any easier by the application of political pressure by myself and others. But I hope that past differences can be set aside and that a spirit of open and good faith negotiations can prevail in the weeks to come. I hope you will agree with me that, if an agreement is ever to be reached, the time is now.

"I sincerely offer any assistance that I or my staff might be able to lend to the bargaining process. If you have any suggestions as to how we may participate, please let me know."