

## News from Senator

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**DOLE SECURES FEDERAL ACTION ON COLEMAN PENSION;  
NO TERMINATION UNTIL AAA INSURANCE COMPANY IS ON BOARD;  
INTERVENTION BY PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION IS  
UNPRECEDENTED  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR STILL INVESTIGATING M&F "SELECTION PROCESS"**

WASHINGTON -- FOLLOWING THE INTERVENTION OF SENATOR BOB DOLE, THE FEDERAL PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT WILL NOT ALLOW MacANDREWS & FORBES TO TERMINATE COLEMAN PENSION PLANS UNTIL IT HAS SECURED A CONTRACT WITH AN AAA-RATED INSURANCE COMPANY.

"THIS REPRESENTS THE FIRST TIME THE FEDERAL PENSION PANEL HAS EVER INTERVENED TO STOP A DEAL WITH A LICENSED INSURER, IN THIS CASE, EXECUTIVE LIFE OF LOS ANGELES," DOLE SAID. "BUT WITH THE FUTURES OF COLEMAN WORKERS ON THE LINE, IT HAS MADE THE RIGHT CALL.

"THIS ACTION NOT ONLY BRINGS FEDERAL REASSURANCE TO THE COLEMAN CONTROVERSY, IT ALSO SENDS A SIGNAL THAT NEW STANDARDS WILL BE APPLIED TO THESE GIANT PENSION DEALS."

WITHOUT TODAY'S FEDERAL ACTION, MacANDREWS AND FORBES WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR PLANNED DEAL WITH EXECUTIVE LIFE BY FEBRUARY 17. TODAY'S AGREEMENT DELAYS ANY DISTRIBUTION OF COLEMAN PENSION ASSETS UNTIL ALL MONEY IS RETURNED BY EXECUTIVE LIFE AND THE NEW AAA COMPANY IS SELECTED.

UPON LEARNING OF MacANDREWS & FORBES INTENTION TO INVEST \$45 MILLION OF COLEMAN PENSION FUNDS WITH A SHAKY LOS ANGELES COMPANY, DOLE WROTE A LETTER TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE P.B.G.C. URGING HIM NOT TO ALLOW THE DEAL TO GO THROUGH. SENATOR DOLE ALSO MET WITH TOP OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND HAS HAD HIS STAFF MAINTAIN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE P.B.G.C. IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT THE KANSAS PENSION FUNDS.

"I AM GRATIFIED THAT WE WERE ABLE TO PERSUADE P.B.G.C. TO TAKE THIS UNPRECEDENTED STEP. HOWEVER, MY OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE OTHER ASPECTS OF THIS ARRANGEMENT TO ENSURE THAT NO SECURITIES LAWS OR OTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO THE COLEMAN EMPLOYEES ARE BEING VIOLATED BY THESE ARRANGEMENTS," DOLE ADDED.

"IN PARTICULAR, THE LABOR DEPARTMENT HAS ASSURED US THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE MacANDREWS AND FORBES' SELECTION PROCESS. ANY ACTION WHICH COULD PUT COLEMAN EMPLOYEES AT FURTHER RISK WOULD BRING A LAWSUIT FROM D.O.L.", DOLE CONCLUDED.