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DOLE CRITICIZES HOUSE DEMOCRATS' ENERGY PLAN

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Following is a statement by Senator Bob Dole regarding reported outline of Congressional Democrats planned "comprehensive energy program":

"According to news reports, after weeks of delay and criticism of President Ford's energy proposals, House Democrats say they need at least six weeks more before they finalize details of their 'comprehensive energy program.'

"The outlines of that program, said to include a gas tax increase of as much as fifty cents a gallon, ought to concern every Kansan who drives a car, a truck, a tractor--and every individual that benefits from the use of gasoline. And the report that the program will include a complicated coupon allotment system--gas rationing--ought to concern everyone of us who thinks we already have enough bureaucracy and government red-tape.

"President Ford's program is far from perfect. But from what is known so far, the plan emerging from Congressional Democrats will be hard to defend at all. It points up more than ever the need for the President and Congress to get together."

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