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PRESIDENT FORD SYMPATHETIC TO 45 DAY ENERGY COMPROMISE, DOLE SAYS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--At a breakfast meeting Monday morning, President Ford told Senator Bob Dole that he favors a forty-five day extension of the Energy Allocation Act which Dole and others introduced in the Senate last Friday and would actively support such legislation even if his veto of the Energy Allocation Act is sustained.

"The President's attitude seems to be that one final extension, of definite and limited duration, may give the Congress enough time to develop a reasonable and comprehensive legislative solution that can lead us to decontrol without submitting the nation to the shock of going cold turkey," Dole said.

Dole said that the prospect of immediate decontrol had raised many concerns among Kansans and across the country. Points he had raised at the breakfast meeting included: the increased cost to the consumer and the resultant impact on economic recovery, the need for a continuation of propane price and supply regulations to assure rural users an "uninterrupted supply at a realistic price;" some protection for independent retailers so that decontrol would "not plunge them into a jungle of unfair competition with major companies;" some assurance to independent refiners who would need a continuing supply of crude oil; and "action on a long-dormant proposal which the President made this February in Topeka, Kansas, that a 'rural rebate' system be developed to insulate agricultural users of petroleum products from fuel cost increases which might result."