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DOLE OFFERS COAL GASIFICATION AMENDMENT IN FINANCE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today offered an amendment, sponsored by he and Senator James Pearson, that would allow the use of tax-exempt industrial revenue bonds in financing Wichita's proposed coal gasification plant. Dole brought up the measure during Senate Finance Committee discussion of the pending tax bill.

Chairman Russell Long (D-La) and Dole, a member of the Committee, agreed that the proposal should be considered with other energy tax legislation. The Finance Committee is expected take up the legislation within the next few months.

"It seems to me that in view of our dwindling natural gas supply and our enormous coal deposits, it makes a great deal of sense to give cities like Wichita the option of developing plants that would convert coal to gas. Hopefully, if the project comes to fruition, it would create a great many jobs and stimulate additional business for the Wichita area," Dole observed.

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