



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## CARTER 'ALIENATING' WINDFALL PROFITS TAX SYMPATHIZERS IN CONGRESS, DOLE SAYS

WASHINGTON -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today charged that President Carter, in criticizing members of Congress for their support of a so-called "energy plowback," has "alienated" many of those potential supporters of a windfall profits tax.

"The President has branded the 'plowback' as a charade when, in fact, it was last week at the President's news conference in which he indicated support for initiatives that would require oil companies to put their decontrol revenues back into production," Dole said. "The inconsistencies of the President's statement are apparent and reflect the flip-flop attitude that has characterized his Administration on energy issues.

"The President has chosen a course of confusion and demagoguery. Moreover, I believe the President is alienating those of us in Congress who may be sympathetic to an oil production tax. The criticism of Congress is unwarranted because, in fact, the details of the President's program have not yet been sent to Capitol Hill and seem to change daily.

"The President's tax program is a rip-off of the American consumer. As a result of oil decontrol, Americans will have to pay more for energy. The cost of heating their homes and driving their cars will go up. However, as it now stands, his program does not insure that Americans will have access to any new energy supplies.

"Several weeks ago I sent a letter to all of my Republican colleagues asking them not to reject an oil tax out of hand. While I believe that much of the President's program is misguided, there is still an opportunity to enact a meaningful proposal which will encourage new oil and gas exploration in this country.

"I would hope that the Congress and the Administration would not get bogged down in political rhetoric, but objectively look at the issues.