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DOLE SAYS HOUSE ACTED COURAGEOUSLY ON GAS RATIONING

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today praised those members of the House of Representatives who voted last night to defeat the Administration's gas rationing scheme.

"The House took the responsible road," said Dole. "They refused to be railroaded into accepting an ill-conceived and hastily submitted program which would have produced the very chaos and inequity it was suppose to have prevented."

Dole, who voted against the President's plan in the Senate, today requested that the President Carter to submit a new gasoline plan that is "equitable, practical and easily administered."

"The support for a good plan is there," said Dole. "But this Administration, once again, managed to bungle the legislative process. We were sent so many different plans and formulas that, eventually, almost everyone was alienated. Quite frankly, we should have killed this thing on the Senate side a day earlier and saved the House the trouble," Dole added.

The Kansas Senator suggested that part of the problem was that the Department of Energy has not paid enough attention to the individual states in formulating plans.

"I still believe that state governments should be consulted more on these matters. They often know best how to handle these problems."