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DOLE USES SOLAR-POWERED TELEPHONE TO DEMONSTRATE ENERGY ALTERNATIVES

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) called for increased attention to alternative energy sources and "a liberal dose of good old-fashioned American know-how" in an effort to develop new, efficient energy-producing technology this past week.

Dole made the comments after viewing a solar-power exhibit on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol. The exhibit, sponsored by ARCO Solar, Inc., demonstrated the practical application of "photovoltaics"--the direct conversion of sunlight into electricity.

Among the devices demonstrated by Senator Dole was a solar-powered telephone, which he used to make a series of telephone calls back home to Kansas.

"Clearly this nation must do more to reduce dependence on foreign oil. And clearly we cannot go on paying such inflationary amounts for energy to overseas nations. That is why I so strongly support alternative energy solutions, like solar power and gasohol, to name two."

Senator Dole said the telephone worked "just fine" when he made his calls to Wichita, Topeka and Kansas City.

"Now that's what I really call a bright idea," Dole said of the solar-powered phone.