

News from Senator

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DOLE SAYS JOBLESS AID EXTENDED FOR PESTER WORKERS

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that as many as 200 workers laid off by the Pester Refinery in El Dorado, Kansas, will continue to receive jobless benefits and other services under an agreement worked out with the U.S. Labor Department by Dole, Senator Nancy Kassebaum and U.S. Rep. Bob Whittaker.

Senator Dole said, "This assistance, including a continuation of unemployment benefits after regular benefits expire, will be available to workers who were laid off by the refinery after January 1, 1985. We have also received agreement to offer job search and relocation assistance."

Dole, Kassebaum and Whittaker worked with the Pester Employee Support Task Force in requesting the Labor Department extend benefits under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program. The Task Force, chaired by Steve Waite and Larry DeVane, sought action under the program which provides relief to workers losing their jobs because of foreign competition.

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