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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kan) stated today that he is firmly convinced the taxpayers of this country should not be required to spend billions of tax dollars on
Foreign Aid when many of the recipients of this assistance are unconcerned about helping themselves or helping each other, and give no assurance they would come to our
assistance, economically or militarily, if their help were requested.

"My amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act would have put the matter squarely up to the taxpayers, and while undoubtedly the amendment could be expanded and improved, offering it may alert those who so vigorously support 'foreign give-aways' that the American taxpayer has the primary interest in this multi-billion dollar program."

The amendment offered was as follows:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of this or any other Act, none of the funds available to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be expended until the following question be submitted to qualified electors in a National Referendum.

Shall the United States continue the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, or any amendments thereto, subsequent to June 30, 1964?

A majority of eligible voters voting affirmatively shall be necessary before the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, and any amendments thereto, shall be operative. The cost of said referendum shall be paid by proceeds from the sale of surplus property under control of the Agency for International Development."

Dole stated the amendment was ruled "not germane" to the bill, and therefore a vote on it by House members could not be obtained. Dole stated, "Though the amendment was ruled not germane, the point was made that the American taxpayers, while obliged to pay the foreign aid bill of over 124 billion dollars, which includes interest since World War II, in pouring out aid to over 110 countries have not had a right to express their opinions. I just can't see how we can continue an unlimited Foreign Aid program and trust the American people will continue to make their objections known."