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DOLE TESTIFIES, OFFERS AMENDMENTS TO STIMULATE EXPORT SALES OF COMMODITIES

WASHINGTON, D.C.--In testimony today before the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee, Senator Bob Dole proposed two amendments to the Export Administration Act. One of these would limit the power of the federal government to impose export controls on grain.

In his testimony, Dole cited three instances in the past three years when farmers have been singled out by diverse forms of export controls -- by a prior approval system and a system of "voluntary restraints." The Kansas Senator encouraged adoption of his amendment which would assure coverage of agricultural commodities under the provisions of the Export Administration Act and prohibit federal intervention in the grain export market unless the Secretary of Agriculture certified that domestic demand exceeded supplies, or the intervention could be justified for national security reasons, according to the provisions of the Act.

Dole also proposed a second amendment which would permit traditional foreign purchasers of United States agricultural commodities to store these commodities in the United States for one year after the purchase without fear of export controls being imposed during that time. The purpose of this amendment is to stimulate the foreign market for commodities produced in the United States.