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## DOLE AMENDMENT MANDATES SENATE CONSULTATION FOR CHANGES IN U.S.-CHINA POLICIES

WASHINGTON -- The Senate would call upon the president to consult with them before making any changes in defense policy between the United States and the Republic of China, under an amendment introduced today by Sens. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) and Dick Stone (D-Fla.). The amendment addresses itself to the U.S.-Taiwan Mutual Defense Treaty, which has been in effect since 1954.

Also cosponsoring the amendment, which will be brought up Monday under the Foreign Security Assistance authorization bill, are Sens. Javits, Goldwater, Morgan, Curtis, Hayakawa, Schmitt and Hatch.

Dole said that the amendment was "designed specifically to correct any misconception that the treaty would automatically 'lapse' if the administration recognizes Peking's government, and to ensure that the Senate will be given an advisory role if the president should decide to abrogate the treaty by a unilateral initiative."

He added that by giving the Senate a consulting role in an initiative to change the Mutual Defense Treaty, "we can be sure that the security considerations affecting American and Japanese interests in the Western Pacific area -- which motivated the 1954 defense treaty and which remain important today -- are fully taken into account before any policy changes are undertaken."

## RECOGNITION OF MAINLAND CHINA A SEPARATE ISSUE

Dole said that the amendment addresses a related, but separate, issue from that of recognition of the government of mainland China.

"It is an issue which must be analyzed and resolved on its own merits, without regard to our differing opinions on the question of diplomatic recognition," he said. "This separate issue -- the fate of our Mutual Defense Treaty with Taiwan -- is a matter around which a consensus of this body can be built, regardless of the fact that we disagree individually about where the actual seat of Chinese government is positioned."