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DOLE TO OFFER RAMSEY CLARK RESOLUTION AS AMENDMENT TO JUSTICE BILL

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) plans to offer a "Sense of the Senate Resolution" urging prosecution of Ramsey Clark as an amendment to S. 2377, the Department of Justice Authorization Act.

Dole is expected to offer the amendment this afternoon.

The Kansas Republican introduced his resolution, co-sponsored by 24 other Senators, on June 6. The amendment would encourage the President to instruct the Attorney General to prosecute "to the fullest extent of the law", the ten American citizens led by Ramsey Clark, for their actions with the government of Iran in violation of the Logan Act (18 U.S.C. Sec. 953). An identical resolution, H.R. 704, was introduced by Rep. Eldon Rudd (R.-Ariz.) on June 10.

Dole is expected to argue that Ramsey Clark and the other Americans who traveled to Iran "broke the law by acting to influence the conduct of American foreign policy in a representation to a foreign government."

According to Dole, "The Logan Act was enacted to prevent usurpation of executive functions-- it focuses on protecting the President's duties and rights under Article 2, Section 3, of the constitution as the sole representative of the United States in dealing with foreign lands."

Dole, in a statement prepared for the floor, says "Clark and his compatriots clearly broke the law. The law should be enforced. Just because the Logan Act has been rarely enforced in the past doesn't mean it shouldn't be invoked in a blatant case such as this."