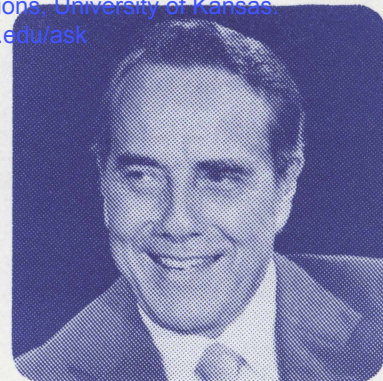


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STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE

DANILOFF RESOLUTION

AMENDMENT TO HUMPHREY-MOYNIHAN

I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT OFFERED BY THE DISTINGUISHED SENATORS FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE AND NEW YORK ON THE DANILOFF CASE.

IN DOING SO, I WANT TO COMMEND THOSE TWO SENATORS FOR BRINGING THEIR RESOLUTION TO THE FLOOR. WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM FOR MORE THAN A WEEK TO DO JUST THAT. SO I'M PLEASED WE ARE FINALLY DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE IN LEGISLATION.

LET ME SAY, ALSO, THAT IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT BOTH OF THOSE SENATORS WANT A STRONG STATEMENT ON DANILOFF, AND THAT THE SENATOR FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE, AT LEAST, WOULD WELCOME SOME ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TO STRENGTHEN HIS RESOLUTION. BUT HE, QUITE UNDERSTANDABLY, WANTED TO ATTRACT THE GREATEST POSSIBLE VOTE ON THIS MATTER AND TO GET IT TO THE FLOOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND SO CHOSE TO GO WITH THE VERSION HE HAS NOW OFFERED.

I CERTAINLY WISH THE LANGUAGE COULD BE TOUGHENED UP EVEN MORE. WE NEED A RESOLUTION THAT IS AS STRONG AS OUR FEELINGS ABOUT THIS MATTER.

THE MESSAGE I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SENT IS THAT THERE CAN BE NO NEW INITIATIVES OR BREAKTHROUGHS IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION IN ANY SPHERE UNTIL DANILOFF IS GIVEN UNCONDITIONAL PERMISSION TO DEPART THAT COUNTRY. TO PUT IT ANOTHER WAY, I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WE CONSIDER THE FREEDOM, RIGHTS AND SAFETY OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, WHETHER THAT CITIZEN HAPPENS TO BE IN MOSCOW OR WHEREVER, AS BEING AT THE ABSOLUTE TOP OF OUR AGENDA OF NATIONAL INTERESTS. NOTHING SHOULD TAKE HIGHER PRIORITY FOR OUR GOVERNMENT THAN DOING EVERYTHING IT CAN TO PROTECT AMERICAN CITIZENS.

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THE DANILOFF CASE IS THE TOP ITEM ON OUR AGENDA. WHEN THAT IS SETTLED, THEN WE CAN GET ON WITH OTHER THINGS. UNTIL IT IS, THEN WE CAN'T.

THE RESOLUTION BEFORE US DOES HELP SEND THIS KIND OF MESSAGE. FOR THAT REASON I WELCOME AND SUPPORT IT, EVEN WHILE EXPRESSING THE HOPE WE COULD BE EVEN STRONGER IN OUR LANGUAGE.

LET'S PUT TEETH IN THIS RESOLUTION

AND LET ME ADD JUST ONE FINAL WORD. THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF TOUGH TALK ON THIS MATTER FROM A LOT OF PEOPLE. AND A LOT OF SUGGESTIONS THAT WE DO THIS OR THAT -- STOP GRAIN SALES OR WHATEVER. BUT WHEN YOU TRY TO GET SOME OF THESE PEOPLE TO DO SOMETHING REALLY MEANINGFUL, TO PUT SOME TEETH IN OUR MESSAGE, THEN WE START TO HEAR ALL THE EXCUSES -- ALL THE REASONS WHY WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL, OR JUDICIOUS, OR DIPLOMATIC, OR SOME OTHER CODEWORD FOR DOING NOTHING.

WELL, TIME IS UP FOR THAT TACK. IT'S TIME NOW TO ACT -- TO VOTE ON SOMETHING THAT SHOWS WE REALLY MEAN BUSINESS. THAT SHOWS WE REALLY PUT THE FREEDOM AND SAFETY OF AMERICANS AT THE TOP OF OUR AGENDA.

THE HUMPHREY-MOYNIHAN RESOLUTION IS THE BEST AVAILABLE VEHICLE TO MAKE THAT STATEMENT, SO I WILL VOTE FOR IT.

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