

BOB DOLE



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STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB DOLE THE REYKJAVIK PRE-SUMMIT

THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES NO LENGTHY EXPLANATION -- IT REALLY SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. IT OFFERS THE SUPPORT AND BEST WISHES OF THE SENATE TO THE PRESIDENT AS HE PREPARES FOR HIS REYKJAVIK MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY GENERAL GORBACHEV. AND IT PUTS THE SENATE FIRMLY ON RECORD IN SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT'S DETERMINATION THAT THIS NOT BE A ONE-ISSUE SUMMIT.

MANY ISSUES ON PRESIDENT'S AGENDA

ARMS CONTROL ISSUES WILL BE ONE FOCUS OF THE REYKJAVIK MEETINGS, AS THEY SHOULD BE. WE ALL HOPE THAT THE TWO LEADERS WILL BE ABLE TO FIND A FORMULA FOR BRINGING US CLOSER TOGETHER ON AT LEAST SOME OF THESE ISSUES, WITHOUT COMPROMISING OUR OWN NATIONAL SECURITY NEEDS. THAT IS ONE IMPORTANT REASON FOR HOLDING THIS PRE-SUMMIT.

BUT IT IS NOT THE ONLY REASON. WE HAVE A GREAT MANY OTHER THINGS ON OUR AGENDA, ESPECIALLY HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS AND REGIONAL CONFLICTS SUCH AS AFGHANISTAN. THE PRESIDENT HAD PLEDGED TO BRING UP THESE ISSUES PROMINENTLY IN HIS TALKS WITH GORBACHEV. STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS RESOLUTION SHOULD HELP CONVINCE GORBACHEV THAT THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS FOR A UNITED AND DETERMINED COUNTRY ON THESE ISSUES.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS

HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS ARE AT THE CORE OF OUR PROBLEMS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. UNTIL SOVIET PERFORMANCE ON THESE MATTERS DRAMATICALLY IMPROVES, OUR OVERALL RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW WILL CONTINUE TO BE SERIOUSLY AND ADVERSELY AFFECTED. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND HUMAN LIVES ARE AT STAKE. MOREOVER, UNTIL THE SOVIETS DISPLAY A WILLINGNESS TO