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DOLE INVESTIGATES POPULATION EXPLOSION IN DUBUQUE

WASHINGTON--SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS) TODAY HAILED THE NEWEST ADDITION TO THE TOM TAUKE TEAM AS "ANOTHER STRONG VOICE FROM THE HEARTLANDS OF AMERICA".

ACCORDING TO DOLE, THE VOICE WAS SO STRONG THAT IT EVEN KEPT SOME IOWANS AWAKE AT NIGHT. WHILE THE MAJORITY LEADER DID NOT RULE OUT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION, HE SAID IT WAS BETTER TO LET LOCAL AUTHORITIES DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM.

"I'VE KNOWN TOM FOR A LONG TIME AND I AM CONVINCED HE CAN DEAL WITH THIS 24-HOUR-PER-DAY RESPONSIBILITY. AFTER ALL, HE HELPED CREATE THE SITUATION," DOLE SAID. "IN THIS CASE, HOME RULE SHOULD PREVAIL."

DOLE CALLED ON THE OFFICE OF SENATOR CHUCK GRASSLEY TO LOOK INTO THE DUBUQUE DILEMMA BUT APPARENTLY THE GRASSLEY OFFICE WAS SHORT-STAFFED DUE TO THE UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE OF A KEY AIDE.

"I CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT BEVERLY HUBBLE IS IN IOWA CONSULTING WITH SOME NEW CONSTITUENT," DOLE GUESSED. "MY SOURCES TELL ME THE NEW IOWAN IS NAMED JOSEPH--LET'S HOPE SHE PAMPERS HIM."

THE MAJORITY LEADER'S INVESTIGATION LATER REVEALED THAT THE PERSON IN QUESTION IS ACTUALLY JOSEPH HUBBLE TAUKE, THE NEWBORN PRIDE AND JOY OF CONGRESSMAN TOM TAUKE AND HIS WIFE BEVERLY.

"I AM DELIGHTED WITH THIS GOOD NEWS. BEFORE LONG, YOUNG JOSEPH WILL BE WALKING AND TALKING, WHICH WILL MAKE HIM A WALKEE-TAUKE," DOLE CONCLUDED.

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