

# BOB DOLE



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## DOLE AND PRESSLER URGE FORMATION OF TRADE PANEL

GENEVA --SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE AND SENATOR LARRY PRESSLER (R-SD) MET TODAY WITH THE CHIEF U.S. NEGOTIATOR ON AGRICULTURE ISSUES IN GENEVA TO PRESS URGENTLY FOR FORMATION OF A SPECIAL PANEL TO CONSIDER JAPANESE RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF BEEF AND CITRUS PRODUCTS.

SENATOR DOLE SAID, "CONTINUED INTRANSIGENCE BY THE JAPANESE MAKES IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO HEAD OFF PROTECTIONIST LEGISLATION BY CONGRESS AT THE VERY TIME WE ARE TRYING TO WORK WITH THE PRESIDENT TO CONSTRUCT AN EFFECTIVE TRADE POLICY."

"THE CURRENT JAPANESE RESTRICTIONS ARE CLEARLY IN VIOLATION OF GATT," SENATOR PRESSLER SAID. "WE WILL NOT STAND FOR ANY DELAYS BY THE JAPANESE IN EITHER SELECTING THE PANEL MEMBERS OR IN REACHING A FINAL DECISION."

SENATOR DOLE ADDED THAT HE AND SENATOR PRESSLER WILL NOW PRESS THE CASE WITH U.S. SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE CLAYTON YEUTTER THAT THE U.S. CAN NO LONGER ALLOW THE JAPANESE TO MAKE EXCUSES FOR ITS RESTRICTIVE MARKETS. SENATOR PRESSLER URGED THAT FINAL ACTION OCCUR WITHIN 6 MONTHS, INDICATING THAT GATT CASES CAN DRAG ON FOREVER.

ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, GATT DECIDED TO FORM A SPECIAL PANEL TO REVIEW JAPANESE BEEF AND CITRUS QUOTAS..THE PANEL WILL CONSIST OF THREE INTERNATIONAL TRADE EXPERTS, WHO HAVE YET TO BE NAMED.

IF JAPAN IS FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF ITS GATT OBLIGATIONS, IT WILL BE REQUIRED TO MODIFY ITS TRADE POLICIES ON BEEF AND CITRUS OR FACE SANCTIONS.

SENATORS DOLE AND PRESSLER ALSO PUSHED FOR RESOLUTION ON SUBSIDIES PAID BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC) ON OILSEED CROPS (SOYBEANS, RAPE SEED, SUNFLOWER SEED AND OTHERS) AS WELL AS THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT'S TOTAL BAN ON BEEF IMPORTS.