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WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE SAID CONGRESS SHOULD "SLOW WALK" ANY TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES UNTIL THE CURRENT PROBLEMS IN LITHUANIA ARE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED.

DOLE MADE THE COMMENTS IN THE WAKE OF YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE OFFICE OF THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE THAT THE TWO SUPERPOWERS HAD AGREED TO NORMALIZE TRADE RELATIONS.

"WE SHOULDN'T BE DOING THE KREMLIN ANY FAVORS RIGHT NOW, NOT WITH LITHUANIA IN A SOVIET VICE," DOLE SAID. "I KNOW THE SOVIETS DESPERATELY WANT TO NORMALIZE TRADE RELATIONS, BUT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY AGREEMENT THAT MIGHT BE REACHED, THIS IS NO TIME FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL."

"THAT'S WHY NOTHING IN CONGRESS WILL HAPPEN UNTIL LITHUANIA IS SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED."