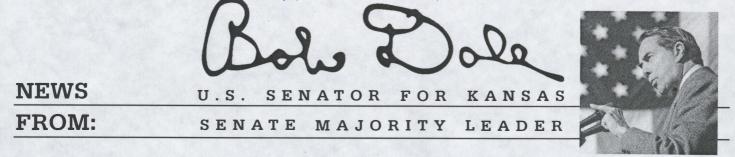
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## **CHINA MFN**

## STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE

CHARLOTTE, NC -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement on President Clinton's decision to extend Most Favored Nation trade status for China:

"I am pleased that the President has, at long last, entered the debate on Most Favored Nation trade status for China. President Clinton's long silence and his history of zigzags on China has put extension of MFN in serious doubt this year. President Clinton's announcement today is only a first step. The President still needs to articulate a coherent policy toward China and how MFN extension fits in with that policy. And, if he is serious about the extension of MFN, he needs to begin serious work on Members of his own party -- many of whom are more concerned with the views of big labor bosses opposing MFN than with protecting American interests in Asia and preserving American jobs dependent on exports to China."

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