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DOLE AMENDMENT ON POLISH AID
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MR. PRESIDENT:

THIS AMENDMENT HAS TWO MAJOR COMPONENTS.

FIRST, IT REDUCES THE AUTHORIZATION LEVELS IN THE SIMON BILL -- TO WHAT I BELIEVE IS A MORE REALISTIC LEVEL.

IT ELIMINATES THE TRADE CREDIT INSURANCE PROGRAM -- WHICH I, AND MANY OTHERS, ARE CONVINCED JUST WON'T WORK IN POLAND. AND IT REDUCES THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ENTERPRISE FUND TO \$325 MILLION. FRANKLY, EVEN THAT IS MORE THAN I BELIEVE WE SHOULD AUTHORIZE -- BUT IT DOES REPRESENT A CUT OF NEARLY 2/3 FROM THE ORIGINAL SIMON PROPOSAL.

OVERALL, WITH MINOR CHANGES IN OTHER SMALL COMPONENTS OF THE PACKAGE, IT YIELDS A TOTAL MORE THAN \$250 MILLION LESS THAN THE CURRENT SIMON BILL; AND MORE THAN A HALF BILLION LESS THAN THE ORIGINAL SIMON BILL.

SECOND, THE BILL INCORPORATES MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE LANGUAGE IN THE DOLE SUBSTITUTE, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS IN TOTO, OR NEARLY SO:

-- THE PROVISION TARGETING FOOD AID TO THE NEEDY.

-- THE PROVISION WHICH WILL GUARANTEE THAT ENTERPRISE FUND MONEY IS NOT USED FOR BUSINESSES THAT ARE SUBSTANTIALLY OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY EITHER THE GOVERNMENT OR THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

-- THE REPORTING PROVISION, SO THAT WE CAN TRULY SEE WHETHER OUR AID IS BEING INTEGRATED INTO A POLISH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR POLICY GOALS AND WILL WORK.

-- LANGUAGE INSURING THAT OUR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE EFFORT WILL NOT BE USED TO FACILITATE ABORTIONS OR TO AID WARSAW PACT FORCES.

-- AND THE PROVISION ESTABLISHING AN OVERSIGHT BOARD TO BE CHAIRED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT.

IN ADDITION, THIS AMENDMENT INCLUDES THREE PROVISIONS THAT WERE NOT IN THE DOLE SUBSTITUTE, BUT ALSO ADD IMPORTANT POLICY CLARIFICATIONS:

-- AN EXCELLENT PROVISION, AUTHORED BY THE DISTINGUISHED SENATOR FROM COLORADO, SENATOR ARMSTRONG, WHICH WILL INSURE THAT WE ARE NOT PROVIDING AID TO POLAND AND HUNGARY AT THE SAME TIME THAT THOSE NATIONS -- WHICH, LET US REMEMBER, REMAIN MEMBERS OF THE WARSAW PACT -- ARE IN TURN PROVIDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CUBA AND NICARAGUA.

-- A CONCISE STATEMENT OF POLICY OBJECTIVES OF OUR AID -- AN INITIATIVE OF THE DISTINGUISHED SENATOR FROM FLORIDA, SENATOR MACK -- AGAIN INSURING THAT OUR AID ENDS UP BEING USED FOR THE PURPOSES ENVISIONED IN THIS LEGISLATION.

-- AND, FINALLY, A PROVISION CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF LABOR IN MANAGING THE LABOR ASSISTANCE PORTION OF THE POLISH AID PROGRAM.

MR. PRESIDENT: I BELIEVE INCLUSION OF ALL OF THESE PROVISIONS MAKES THIS A MUCH MORE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE BILL; AND A MUCH STRONGER BILL FROM THE POLICY STANDPOINT.

I COMMEND THE MANY SENATORS WHO WORKED WITH ME ON MY ORIGINAL SUBSTITUTE, WHOSE IDEAS AND EFFORTS ARE INCORPORATED IN THIS AMENDMENT.

IN PARTICULAR, I WANT TO THANK SENATORS DOMENICI, MURKOWSKI AND LUGAR -- WHOM I ASKED TO WORK AS KIND OF A "CORE GROUP" ON THE POLISH AID ISSUE ON THE REPUBLICAN SIDE; SENATOR ROTH AND HIS STAFF; THE SENATORS AND STAFF OF THE REPUBLICAN STEERING COMMITTEE, WHO HAVE HAD A MAJOR IN-PUT INTO THIS LEGISLATION; AND SENATOR ARMSTRONG AND HIS POLICY COMMITTEE STAFF, WHOSE IN-PUT INCLUDED AND WENT BEYOND THE ARMSTRONG PROVISION I HAVE ALREADY MENTIONED.

I ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE DISTINGUISHED MAJORITY LEADER, WHO HELPED US WORK OUT THE ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH THIS AMENDMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED. AND, FINALLY, I WANT TO THANK SENATORS SIMON AND PELL, WHO DIRECTLY AND THROUGH THEIR STAFFS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN WORKING OUT THIS ARRANGEMENT.

MR. PRESIDENT: I URGE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT.

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