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DOLE INTRODUCES GATES

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE INTRODUCING CIA DIRECTOR-DESIGNATE BOB GATES AT CONFIRMATION HEARINGS BEFORE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

IT IS A GREAT PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO FORMALLY INTRODUCE BOB GATES TO THIS COMMITTEE.

A GREAT DEAL HAS BEEN WRITTEN AND REPORTED ABOUT THIS NOMINATION SINCE PRESIDENT BUSH ANNOUNCED IT A LITTLE OVER FOUR MONTHS AGO. UNFORTUNATELY, MOST OF THAT HAS BEEN BASED ON A WHISPERING CAMPAIGN OF RUMOR, INNUENDO, AND SPECULATION.

FOCUS ON FACTS, GATES RECORD

TODAY, AT LAST, THE COMMITTEE WILL START PUTTING THE FOCUS ON SOMETHING A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT AND MORE IMPORTANT -- THE FACTS. THAT'S WHERE THE FOCUS OUGHT TO BE. THE RECORD OF BOB GATES--HIS EXPERIENCE, HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND, YES, THOSE AREAS WHERE THE COMMITTEE, AND THE SENATE HAVE LEGITIMATE QUESTIONS.

MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, BOB GATES IS READY TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT NO PERSON IS MORE QUALIFIED TO SERVE AS CIA DIRECTOR IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES THAN BOB GATES.

BEING BORN IN KANSAS, IN AND OF ITSELF, MAY NOT BE REASON ENOUGH FOR THIS COMMITTEE TO VOTE TO CONFIRM BOB, BUT IT IS CERTAINLY A GOOD START.

BOB ALSO EMBODIES THE VALUES AND BELIEFS OF KANSAS: OF HARD WORK AND SERVICE TO YOUR COUNTRY. AND A BELIEF THAT A MAN'S WORD IS HIS BOND.

BOB'S UNPARALLELED RECORD OF SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY IS WELL KNOWN TO MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE. BUT I DO WANT TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO SUMMARIZE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS REMARKABLE CAREER.

SERVICE TO AMERICA: EXPERIENCE, INTELLIGENCE, INTEGRITY BOB'S FIRST TOUR OF DUTY AT THE CIA BEGAN IN 1965, WHERE HE FIRST SERVED AS AN INTELLIGENCE ANALYST, AND ONE OF TWO ASSISTANT NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS FOR STRATEGIC PROGRAMS. DURING THIS PERIOD, BOB FOUND TIME TO EARN A DOCTORATE IN RUSSIAN AND SOVIET HISTORY FROM GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY.

IN 1974, BOB WAS ASSIGNED TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, WHERE HE SERVED PRESIDENTS NIXON, FORD, AND CARTER.

BOB RETURNED TO THE CIA IN LATE 1979, AND HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY APPOINTED TO A SERIES OF INCREASINGLY RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT POSITIONS, INCLUDING NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER OF THE SOVIET UNION.

IN JANUARY OF 1982, PRESIDENT REAGAN APPOINTED BOB AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTELLIGENCE, A POSITION IN WHICH HE SERVED FOR