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## LAWSUIT ABUSE

SENATE PASSES DOLE AMENDMENT EXTENDING PROTECTIONS AGAINST LAWSUIT ABUSE

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement regarding passage of his amendment to extend protections against lawsuit abuses to include small businesses and charitable and volunteer organizations:

"Today's vote was an important victory in our efforts to end lawsuit abuse. By broadening the protections against abusive lawsuits and punitive damages to include small businesses and volunteer and charitable organizations, the Senate has heard the message from the American people.

"The trial lawyers and their front groups will try to spread their usual disinformation, attempting to scare people when they can't argue an issue on the merits. But they can't avoid the fact that lawsuit abuse imposes a costly litigation tax on every American, and they can't avoid the fact that the Senate has given a powerful boost to an important item in the House's Contract with America."

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