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SENATE PASSES DOLE "HONEYBEE BILL"

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Senate today approved a bill, sponsored by Senator Bob Dole, to prevent the spread of Africanized Brazilian honeybees. The bill prohibits importation of the bee in all stages and also authorizes a program of eradication and control with the Governments of Canada, Mexico and Central America.

The Africanized Brazilian Honeybee is considered to have many undesirable, aggressive traits and is especially known for its vicious attacks on animals and aggressive people. Dole pointed out that the introduction of this/strain would threaten the existence of domestic honeybees since they cannot compete. "Both the production of honey and the level of production of crops requiring pollination, are at stake. The value of farm commodities directly dependent upon insects for pollination has been estimated by the Department of Agriculture at \$1 billion," Dole said, "and honeybees have a primary part in this pollination since present day farming operations have largely eliminated wild insect pollinators."