

NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE TO VOTE AGAINST LIFTING TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO; WILL INTRODUCE AMENDMENTS

Bob Dole (R-Kan.) announced today that he will vote against lifting the current arms embargo against the Republic of Turkey.

Dole also said he will offer two amendments of his own "to help expedite a resolution of the Cyprus conflict, and to set more specific conditions for lifting the Turkish arms embargo in the future."

Debate on whether to lift the embargo will take place tomorrow when the Senate continues consideration of the Foreign Security Assistance bill.

One of the Dole amendments will stipulate that the arms embargo remain in place "until the armed occupation forces are removed from Cyprus. The embargo levied against Turkey in 1974 because of its invasion and occupation of Cyprus, now states that no aid will be provided to Cyprus."

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"Given this lack of cooperation on the part of the government of Turkey," he said, "the arms embargo should be maintained. But proper emphasis has not been placed on the presence of Turkish forces as an obstacle to progress toward a settlement."

Dole stressed that until these troops are removed, the Cypriots who were displaced and forced to move from their homes will not be able to do so, and a great obstacle will remain in front of a peace settlement.

Dole said that altering the language of the embargo in this manner will give the Turkish government "a clear-cut step that they could take toward allowing the United States to resume supplying them with the arms they need for their own defense and for the security of NATO. In this manner, the interests of all of those groups involved could be suitably considered, and the unacceptable instability that now exists in this area of the Eastern Mediterranean eliminated."

SUMMIT MEETING

A second Dole amendment will call upon the President to convene a summit meeting to promote the demilitarization of Cyprus.