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DOLE OPPOSES U.S. INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AID TO CAMBODIA AND UGANDA

WASHINGTON -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today called for the President to instruct the U.S.'s executive director to the International Monetary Fund to oppose any funding to Cambodia or Uganda because of human rights violations in those two countries.

Under legislation before the Senate, the United States would make \$1.7 billion available as its contribution to a supplementary financing facility of the International Monetary Fund (of which both Cambodia and Uganda are members). This supplementary facility, known as the "Witteveen Facility," makes financial resources available to member nations with serious balance-of-payments problems.

Dole proposed blocking the use of these funds for assistance to Cambodia and Uganda "until it is determined that they are in compliance with internationally accepted standards of human rights."

"I think it is safe to say that these two countries are among the worst offenders of human rights in the world today," Dole said, "not simply because of political repression or social intimidation, but because of the most brutal and gross violations of human dignity imaginable."

Dole pointed to reports that indicate as many as two million Cambodians have died as a result of disease, starvation or direct execution since the Communist regime came to power. Amnesty International reports that between 30,000 and 300,000 Ugandans have fallen victim to the regime headed by Idi Amin.

CONTROL OVER FOREIGN AID

Dole stated that during Fiscal Year 1976, 69 percent of foreign aid dispersed by U.S. agencies and U.S.-supported international agencies was allocated without congressional review. "This erosion of congressional authority is deplorable," Dole said, "as it enables use of those funds for purposes alien to the interests of the American people."

Following is the text of the Dole amendment:

"The President of the United States shall instruct the Executive Director of the United States to the International Monetary Fund to oppose any extension of financial or technical assistance by the Supplemental Financing Facility or by any other agency or facility of such Fund to the Democratic Kampuchea (Cambodia) or the Republic of Uganda, until the President of the United States determines and certifies to the Congress of the United States that Cambodia or Uganda, as the case may be, is in compliance with internationally recognized human rights."