



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## SENATE OPPOSES INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AID TO CAMBODIA, UGANDA

WASHINGTON -- The Senate today voted to accept an amendment by Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) to the International Monetary Fund appropriation bill that would prohibit the United States from voting to fund either Cambodia or Uganda because of human rights violations in those two countries.

An effort to table the amendment was defeated by a vote of 56-30. The amendment was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Dole proposed blocking the use of funds from a supplementary financing facility of the Monetary Fund "until it is determined that Cambodia and Uganda are in compliance with internationally accepted standards of human rights."

The United States' contribution to the supplementary financing facility is \$1.7 billion. The facility, known as the "Witteveen Facility," makes financial resources available to member nations with serious balance-of-payments problems.

By accepting the Dole amendment, the Senate has agreed to instruct the U.S.'s executive director to the International Monetary Fund to oppose U.S. funding to Cambodia and Uganda.

"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."

"I'm pleased that the Senate has agreed to stand up and visibly protest these flagrant abuses of human rights."

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.