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CARTER GRAIN EMBARGO SUFFERS DEFEAT IN SENATE Carter Receives Vote of No Confidence

Washington, D.C....."The grain embargo imposed by President Carter suffered a serious defeat in the U.S. Senate today despite enormous pressure and arm twisting from the Administration," Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan) said today.

Sen. Dole and Sen. Pressler (R-S.D.) led a successful effort in the Senate today to prohibit the use of appropriated funds to continue the embargo. The amendment was to a bill funding the departments of State, Commerce and Justice.

The measure would have to be approved by a conference committee of House and Senate members and re-passed by both houses before the embargo could end.

Dole said, "The Administration certainly received a vote of no confidence in the U.S. Senate today. Despite all the claims made by the Administration about the effectiveness of the embargo and claims about how necessary the embargo was to American foreign policy the facts show that the embargo has not been effective and has just cost the American taxpayer and farmer billions of dollars."

"The vote today is a blow to the Carter policy. There are just more and more Senators who feel the embargo has been a disaster and should be ended. I have been leading efforts since January to get the embargo ended. I am certainly pleased at the action taken by the Senate today."

"The Carter administration must realize you cannot continue policies that are ineffective. This was the heart of the administration's response to Soviet aggression. Their policies have not worked. Their foreign policy actions have cost us more than they have cost the Soviets. The President certainly has not played fair with the American farmer, the consumer or the taxpayer. The embargo has been a tough price for America to pay just to cause some minor irritations to the Soviets," Dole said.