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DOLE CALLS FOR NATIONAL FOOD POLICY

WASHINGTON -- In a continuing effort to end erratic export policies, Senator Robert Dole (R.-Kan.) today introduced a Senate Resolution calling for a national food policy. The policy, as outlined at a Capitol Hill news conference, would join with President Reagan in affirming that the United States will use restrictions on agricultural trade only in extreme circumstances, and only within a general embargo.

"This resolution, which has bi-partisan support, supports President Reagan's determination that embargoes are bad news for the American farmer and the American economy," Dole said. "I hope the Administration will be equally supportive of passage of this bi-partisan resolution in the House and Senate so that any lingering doubts about our national policy for agricultural trade can be dispelled once and for all."

Dole's comments came during a press conference with Congressman Thomas Foley (D.-Wash) who introduced an identical resolution in the House. The Senate resolution already has three co-sponsors with more expected prior to floor consideration in April.

"Let this embargo resolution be yet another signal to the Soviet Union, the grain trade, the American farmer, and certainly the Kansas farmer, that Congress is serious about a no embargo policy," Dole said.