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DOLE RESOLUTION TO OPEN JAPANESE CHOCOLATE MARKETS PASSES SENATE

WASHINGTON--The Senate last night approved a sense of the Senate resolution urging the President "to use all appropriate powers of his office" to negotiate a substantial reduction in the Japanese tariff on imported U.S. chocolate products.

The Japanese tariff, which is set at 20 percent compared to the U.S. tariff rate of 7 percent, has been a subject of longstanding Administration concern. U.S. and Japanese negotiators are meeting this week in Hawaii to address a number of outstanding bilateral trade issues including the Japanese tariff on chocolate.

"This issue transcends the \$12 million in U.S. confectionery exports to Japan," said Majority Leader Bob Dole (R.-Kan.) in a statement on the Senate floor accompanying introduction of the resolution. The issue, he said, "symbolizes the inequity of many of our bilateral trade relationship where U.S. exports are blocked by the very nations who benefit most from the openness of the U.S. market."

The measure was cosponsored by Senators Packwood, Lugar, Helms, Simpson, Gorton, Evans, Heinz, D'Amato, Roth, Murkowski, Chafee, Matsunaga, Bentsen, Lautenberg, Zorinsky, Nunn, Bradley, Moynihan, Harkin, Pryor, Heflin, Dixon, Warner, Grassley, Abdnor, and Leahy.