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STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE

TODAY'S BUSINESS

A FULL DAY OF WORK FOR THE SENATE

AS I INDICATED YESTERDAY, THIS IS ONE OF THE LAST -- AND MAYBE THE LAST DAY -- WE WILL HAVE TO RESOLVE A NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE ISSUES WHICH ARE STILL ON OUR AGENDA BEFORE WE GET INTO THE FINAL PUSH ON THE C.R. AND OTHER "MUST" BILLS. FOR THAT REASON, IT IS MY STRONG WISH THAT TODAY WE WILL BE ABLE TO DISPOSE OF TWO PARTICULAR ITEMS WE DISCUSSED LAST NIGHT AND WHICH DESERVE OUR ATTENTION -- THE DANILOFF RESOLUTION AND THE INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION BILL. I ALSO STRONGLY HOPE THAT WE CAN AGREE NOT TO DEAL WITH ANOTHER ISSUE, THE SOUTH AFRICA ISSUE, ON THE HIGHWAYS BILL.

LET ME SAY A BRIEF WORD ABOUT EACH OF THOSE THREE ISSUES.

TIME TO ACT ON DANILOFF RESOLUTION

SENATORS HUMPHREY, MOYNIHAN, WALLOP AND I, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER SENATORS, PUT IN THE DANILOFF RESOLUTION AS A FREE-STANDING RESOLUTION LAST FRIDAY NIGHT. UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO THE OBJECTION OF ONE MEMBER, WE WERE NOT ABLE TO DEAL WITH IT ON THAT BASIS.

BUT THIS IS AN ISSUE OF BOTH ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE AND TREMENDOUS TIMELINESS. AND IT IS ALSO AN ISSUE ON WHICH I THINK THE VAST MAJORITY OF SENATORS WOULD LIKE TO SEE US SPEAK OUT STRONGLY. SO I THINK IT IS ONE OF THOSE MATTERS THAT DESERVES TO BE BROUGHT UP AS AN AMENDMENT TO ANOTHER BILL, IF THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO GET IT TO A VOTE.

THERE ARE SOME PRESS REPORTS TODAY THAT THERE MAY BE SOME MOVEMENT ON THE DANILOFF CASE. I HAVE SOME CONCERN ABOUT WHAT I'VE READ, BUT I DON'T WANT TO COMMENT IN DETAIL UNTIL MORE OF THE FACTS ARE IN.

BUT ONE THING IS CLEAR. DANILOFF, HIMSELF, IS STILL SITTING UNDER VIRTUAL HOUSE ARREST IN MOSCOW, WITH A SHARP SWORD DANGLING OVER HIS HEAD. AND OUR WHOLE RELATIONSHIP WITH MOSCOW IS PRETTY MUCH DEAD IN THE WATER -- AS IT SHOULD BE -- UNTIL DANILOFF IS GIVEN UNCONDITIONAL PERMISSION TO DEPART THE SOVIET UNION.

ALL OF US ARE PRETTY FED UP WITH THE GAMES MOSCOW IS PLAYING. WE WANT TO SAY SO, IN A WAY THAT IT SO LOUD AND CLEAR THAT THE MESSAGE WILL PENETRATE EVEN THOSE THICK WALLS AROUND THE KREMLIN. THE RESOLUTION WE PUT IN LAST FRIDAY DOES THE JOB, BECAUSE IT IS STRONG ON SUBSTANCE. IT'S NOT JUST TOUGH TALK. IT ENDORSES TOUGH ACTION. IT DOESN'T JUST TAKE ONE OR ANOTHER LITTLE ASPECT OF OUR RELATIONSHIP AND SAY TO THE RUSSIANS: "UNLESS YOU CLEAN UP YOUR ACT, YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE THIS PROGRAM OR THIS BENEFIT." IT SENDS THE KIND OF ACROSS-THI-BEARD MESSAGE THAT IS ESSENTIAL WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH A MATTER SO FUNDAMENTAL AND SO DAMAGING TO OUR RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW AS THE UNJUST ARREST AND INDICTMENT OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. IT SAYS TO GORBACHEV AND HIS CRONIES: "NO MORE BUSINESS AS USUAL -- IN FACT, NO MORE BUSINESS, PERIOD -- UNTIL DANILOFF IS FREE."

THE PRINCIPLE IS THAT IMPORTANT TO US. THE LIFE AND FREEDOM OF ONE AMERICAN IS THAT IMPORTANT TO US. AND THE SOVIETS BETTER UNDERSTAND THAT IF WE ARE EVER GOING TO DEAL SUCCESSFULLY WITH THEM ON ANY MAJOR ISSUE.

SO LET'S GET TO THIS RESOLUTION. LET'S NOT WATER IT DOWN IN ANY WAY OR PULL OUR PUNCHES. LET'S VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM. AND LET'S VOTE FOR IT, OVERWHELMINGLY.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION BILL

THE SECOND MATTER I WANT TO TOUCH ON, MORE BRIEFLY, IS THE INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION BILL. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAVE COME VERY CLOSE TO REACHING A GOOD AGREEMENT HERE WITHIN THE SENATE ON THIS BILL, ON WHICH THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE HAS WORKED HARD. THE CHAIRMAN HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH SENATOR HELMS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS, TO WORK OUT SOME CONCERNS THAT SENATOR HELMS HAD ON THE BILL. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN FASHIONING SOME LANGUAGE, MOSTLY IN THE BILL'S REPORT, AND A METHOD OF WORKING OUT ONE AMENDMENT OF CONCERN TO SENATOR HELMS, THAT WILL HOPEFULLY ALLOW US TO MOVE ON THIS BILL THIS AFTERNOON.

I KNOW THAT BOTH SENATOR DURENBERGER AND SENATOR HELMS INTEND TO SPEAK TO DIRECTOR CASEY TODAY, TO INSURE THAT ANY CONCERNS HE HAS CAN BE ADDRESSED IN A WAY THAT WILL MEET EVERYONE'S NEEDS. I HOPE THAT ANY DIFFERENCES WHICH DO EXIST NOW CAN BE SPEEDILY RESOLVED, SO THAT WE CAN MOVE THIS LEGISLATION, WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT, NOT ONLY TO THE CIA BUT TO ALL THE ELEMENTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY -- AND, IN FACT, TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY.

SOUTH AFRICA ON HIGHWAYS BILL

FINALLY, THERE IS THE MATTER OF THE SOUTH AFRICA PROVISION NOW ON THE HIGHWAYS BILL. IT SEEMS ALMOST SELF-EVIDENT, AT LEAST TO ME, THAT A HIGHWAYS BILL IS NOT THE PLACE TO DEAL WITH

SOUTH AFRICA. AS EVERYONE HERE -- AND, I GUESS, VIRTUALLY EVERYONE IN THE COUNTRY -- KNOWS VERY WELL, WE'VE ALREADY PASSED A SOUTH AFRICAN BILL, AND WE MAY BE DEALING WITH IT AGAIN SOON.

WHAT I HOPE ALL SENATORS WILL KEEP IN MIND, ALSO, IS THAT IN PASSING THE SOUTH AFRICA BILL, WE DEALT WITH THE VERY PROVISION WHICH NOW APPEARS IN THE HIGHWAYS BILL. WE DEALT WITH IT BY TAKING A VOTE ON IT AND VOTING IT DOWN. WE DECIDED THAT IT WAS NOT A GOOD ADDITION TO THE SOUTH AFRICA BILL. IN LIGHT OF THAT ACTION, IT IS HARD TO SEE HOW IT COULD BE CONSIDERED A GOOD ADDITION TO A HIGHWAY BILL.

I KNOW THAT SENATOR WALLOP, WHO JOINS ME AND I THINK MANY OTHERS IN STRONGLY OPPOSING THIS PROVISION IN THE HIGHWAYS BILL, WILL BE TALKING TO SENATOR MOYNIHAN, WHO SUPPORTS IT, TO SEE IF THERE IS NOT SOME WAY TO PUT SOUTH AFRICA BACK WHERE IT BELONGS -- ON SOUTH AFRICA LEGISLATION, OR AT LEAST ON SOME VEHICLE THAT IS NOT SO TOTALLY UNRELATED TO FOREIGN POLICY AS THIS ONE IS.

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