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## SENATE ADOPTS DOLE'S 'CLEAN GRAIN' LEGISLATION

Washington, DC -- Saying the U.S. needs to "put the world on notice that it will be a reliable supplier of high quality grain," Senator Bob Dole has gained Senate approval of legislation designed to improve the quality of American grain exports.

"The issue of grain quality has gained great attention in recent years," said Sen. Dole in proposing the legislation. "As complaints by foreign customers - such as Japan, the Soviet Union and China - have increased in recent years, many farmers have expressed concerns that our grain quality may be hampering our export efforts."

"We are aware that price plays as great a role in determining export levels as any factor. However, I submit we also need to put the world on notice that the United States will be a reliable supplier of high quality grain."

"We realize this is not a cure-all for solving our export problems and that a more in-depth review of grain quality issues is needed. I would like further attention focused on the issue during the next session. However, I do feel this is a positive first step in tightening up our grain standards," Sen. Dole said.

The legislation includes a declaration of policy that the U.S. should market high quality grain, and includes a prohibition against recombining dockage or foreign material.