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DOLE APPOINTS KANSAS GOVERNOR HAYDEN AND RAND ARASKOG TO COMPETITIVENESS POLICY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-KS) today appointed Kansas Governor Mike Hayden and ITT Corporation Chief Executive Rand V. Araskog to the Competitiveness Policy Council, created by Public Law 100-418.

The Council is a twelve member bipartisan body appointed by the President and the Senate and House Leadership. Its duties include recommending policies and strategies to improve productivity and international competitiveness, commenting on private sector requests for governmental assistance in developing this issue, monitoring changes in research, technology and the overall economy, and evaluating the impact of Federal policy competitiveness.

Mike Hayden has served as the 41st Governor of Kansas since his election in 1986. Prior to being elected Governor, Hayden served for 14 years as a state representative and four years as Speaker of the Kansas House. He served as Chairman of the Republican Governor's Association in 1989. While serving as Governor, he has been an advocate for increased international trade for Kansas producers. He has testified before Congress on the importance of productive trade policies during 1990 farm bill discussions and was a key player in developing the recent trade and tourism agreement between the State of Kansas and Canadian province of Manitoba.

"Mike Hayden knows the importance of revitalizing America's competitiveness. Whether it's boosting U.S. productivity or energizing agricultural trade, Governor Hayden has plenty of front line experience to lend to this important council," Dole said. "His Kansas common sense will also be an invaluable asset as we work to develop the kind of policies that will work in the real world."

Araskog has been Chief Executive of ITT Corporation since 1979, and its Chairman since 1980. He served in several capacities since 1966, including Corporate Director, Director of Marketing for ITT's U.S. Defense Space Group, and President of ITT's Defense Communications Division. Prior to his tenure with ITT, Araskog was Director of Marketing and Planning for the Aeronautical Division of Honeywell, Incorporated, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense from 1954-1959. Araskog is a 1953 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

"Rand is a dynamic executive who brings an impressive background in leadership and achievement to the council," Dole added.