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AG COMMITTEE ENDORSES DOLE-TUNNEY RESOLUTION FOR EXPANDED NEGOTIATIONS WITH RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, D.C.--In Executive Session this morning, the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry unanimously endorsed Senator Bob Dole's Resolution urging President Ford to extend the current negotiations on grain sales to the Soviet Union to include sales of Soviet oil to the United States. The Resolution was introduced Monday by Senators Dole and John Tunney.

Dole, who is ranking Republican on the Agriculture Committee, emphasized that the Resolution calls for concurrent negotiations, but specifically avoids recommending any kind of barter arrangement. "In all probability an exchange agreement whereby a certain quantity of wheat would be provided in exchange for a quantity of oil would be strictly to our disadvantage," Dole said. "American wheat exports should not be contingent upon American imports of Soviet oil, but it would be beneficial to all Americans if the Soviet Union and the United States find it mutually advantageous to arrange an oil agreement at the same time they are arranging a wheat agreement."

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