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DOLE RESOLUTION URGES U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- Today, Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas) introduced a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the termination of the United States membership in the International Labor Organization.

The International Labor Organization was established in 1917 to assist in raising labor standards and improve working conditions throughout the world.

Senator Dole's resolution urges that the United States membership and payment of dues to the International Labor Organization terminate until such time as the Congress of the United States determines that the ILO has:

1. Returned to its basic principle and purpose of promoting unity among workers, employers, and governments throughout the world;
2. Returned to a consistent practice of the ILO's established due process and rules and regulations;
3. Returned to a universal concern for human rights;
4. Returned its major concentration to issues mandated by the organization as opposed to political concentration on issues beyond the mandate of the organization.

On November 5th, President Carter must tell the ILO whether the U.S. will remain a \$25 million paying member---funds that will go to help finance some ILO nations in violation of human rights. The ILO has recently ignored human rights violations by member nations even though human rights is a stated goal and principle of the organization.. According to Charles H. Smith Jr., U.S. Employer Delegate to the ILO, the group's human rights advocacy position was recently struck down by an ILO conference decision not to adopt a recommended report on violations of human rights.

The Chamber of Commerce and the AFL-CIO- the world's largest democratic labor movement - are united in favor of withdrawal from the ILO, even if the President decides to continue membership in the ILO.