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SENATOR BOB DOLE REACTS TO THREAT OF INVASION OF TAIWAN

WASHINGTON -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) announced today he would introduce a resolution in the opening session of the new Congress to guarantee the security of the island of Taiwan. Dole's statement came shortly after Peking's Teng Hsiao-ping told U.S. reporters in China that he would not rule out the use of force in attempting to reunite Taiwan with the Mainland. Dole noted that China is apparently planning to push this issue to an early conclusion, and quoted Teng's assertion "that the solution of the question is China's internal affair".

"We want the people of Taiwan to know," Dole told newsmen, "that the United States will not turn its back on twenty-five years of friendship and loyalty".

The full text of Senator Dole's resolution follows:

"Whereas, the United States of America and the Republic of China and their peoples have been friends and allies for over a quarter century; and

Whereas, the President of the United States unilaterally notified the Republic of China that the United States will terminate the Mutual Defense Treaty with it on January 1, 1980; and

Whereas, the United States established diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China on January 1, 1979; and

Whereas, the government of both the Republic of China and the People's Republic of China claim sovereignty over the same territory; and

Whereas, the continued security and stability of the Asian Pacific region is of major strategic interest to the United States and it is in the best interests of the United States to insure the continued peace and prosperity of the people of Taiwan; as well as to maintain that confidence essential to financial investment and commercial agreements both now and in the future between the United States and the Republic of China, and also the People's Republic of China: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that --

(1) it is the sense of the Senate that the United States does not condone the threat or actual use of force in any attempt to unify Taiwan and Mainland China, nor recognize the right of the governments of the Republic of China and the People's Republic of China to subvert the other by means of an imminent or actual threat or attack; and

(2) that in the event of military aggression by the People's Republic of China upon the Republic of China, the United States reserves the right to take all necessary measures in accordance with its constitutional processes to assist the Republic of China and its people and ensure their security as well as the security of U.S. interests in the region; and

(3) that the United States will interpret any interference by any power in its present or future commercial, economic, cultural, financial or military assistance programs and agreements with the Republic of Taiwan as an unfriendly act and will respond to such interference; and

(4) that the United States will do all in its power to prevent the removal from, or exclusion from, membership in any organization or agency to which the United States is a member, of either the Republic of China or the People's Republic of China."