

News from Senator

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## RETURN OF THE HOSTAGES A CAUSE FOR JOY, REFLECTION

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today said he is "elated and profoundly thankful" to learn of the pending release of the American's held hostage in Iran.

"This is the day we have all been praying and hoping for," said Dole. "I think we all feel a sense of joy to have these Americans on their way home."

Senator Dole also said, "This will mark an end to a long, sad chapter in American history. It is thus a time of reflection as well as celebration. And by ending this sad chapter now, just as this nation begins a new Administration, we are given an opportunity to make a fresh start, unencumbered by a situation that so severely limited our foreign policy options."

### Offer a Prayer

Senator Dole added, "I join all of my fellow Americans in offering a prayer of thanksgiving on this occasion."

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