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DOLE SAYS WORLD GRAIN MARKET NEEDS FREEDOM, NOT CONTROL

WASHINGTON -- The world grain market will function most efficiently and economically with as little governmental interference as is necessary, Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said today.

Dole endorsed Senate Resolution 163, a resolution calling for the President to convene a negotiating conference of wheat exporting nations to reach a cooperative arrangement to "improve wheat trade policy and achieve equitable prices for producers while assuring adequate supplies for consumers."

Dole said that he endorsed the resolution, but did so "solely because I believe the dialogue should continue. I would hope the discussions would center on how to make the free market work, how to free the market from all the restrictions now found in the world, how to end unfair subsidies and import-export restrictions, and all the other arrangements that destroy and alter the free market.

"I am hopeful some new breakthroughs can be made in these areas, although the agreements and negotiations in the past have not been very productive. I have spoken out on the fiscal waste and unwise manpower utilization of such counter-productive effort as have been involved in these negotiations in the past.

"Why do we keep devoting so much energy to regulating the market when all of history reveals that the U.S. farmer has benefited most when markets are free? I hope future discussions will concentrate more on the free market and ending government subsidies around the world than on cartels and other such market arrangements.

"To those who still have an affection for the so-called stability introduced by international commodity agreements, I need only refer you to their long history of failures. We should not condemn farmers to a repetition."