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DOLE AMENDMENT CALLS FOR HALT OF TRADE
WITH HOSTILE IRAN

Washington -- Senator Robert Dole (R-Kansas) today introduced an amendment to the Windfall Profits Tax Bill which would ban all trade with Iran or any other country which may in the future hold U.S. diplomatic personnel or their families hostage.

The Dole amendment would prohibit all trade with Iran, including U.S. agricultural exports of wheat, rice, feed grains and soybean meal. Dole said, "over 70% of the Iranians' needed agricultural products are imported from the U.S. and it is time we used this trade weapon against those holding our citizens in violation of international law."

Dole said that this amendment "addresses an extreme situation" and would, "show the resolve of the American people to stand tough against the irresponsible actions of those threatening our national security and safety of our citizens. My amendment supports the President's actions in dealing with this crisis," said Dole. Dole pointed out previous Congressional action in the form of trade sanctions against Uganda, Cuba and Rhodesia.

Dole also cited today's vote on the lifting of sanctions against Rhodesia as an example that the U.S. government is willing to lift any and all sanctions when legitimacy and responsibility return.