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## INFANT FORMULA VOTE REAFFIRMS U.S. COMMITMENT

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kan.) said today that the amendment passed by the Senate concerning the infant formula issue in third world countries reaffirms the commitment of the United States to cooperate with the governments of all countries in their efforts to develop better health standards.

Yesterday, Senator Dole, along with Senators David Durenberger (R.-Minn.) and Patrick Leahy (D.-Ver.), introduced an amendment to the State Department Authorization legislation pertaining to the marketing code on infant formula in third world countries.

The amendment passed today by a vote of 89-2 sends a strong signal to the Administration as to the position of the Congress on this issue. "Over the past few weeks many of us have devoted considerable attention to the U.S. vote against a proposed international code on breastmilk substitutes," said Senator Dole. "A lot of concern has been manifested on the implications of this negative vote, and as a result a strong bipartisan effort arose in the Senate to reaffirm U.S. policy that may have been subject to misinterpretation by this vote," Dole said.

"I feel that this country must move on from this vote and look to the future and what our commitments to such issues will be in developing countries. I believe that in our development assistance programs we will strive to advance the spirit of the WHO Code, even though the Administration could never accept many of its constitutionally questionable provisions," said Dole.

"Domestic nutrition issues have always gathered around them strong bipartisan coalitions in the Congress, and this happens on the international front as well. Because of recent publicity, we are all vividly aware of the crucial health issues addressed by the International Code on the Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes, and the Congress as a whole has manifested its concern in this area," Senator Dole said.