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DOLE AND BYRD INTRODUCE ARMS CONTROL RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON -Senator Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-KS), along with Minority Leader Robert Byrd (D-W.VA), today opened the legislative season on Capitol Hill with a resolution backing the Administrations arms control efforts at the upcoming negotiations with the Soviets on January 7.

The resolution also calls for a bi-partisan group of Senators to serve as official observers to any arms control negotiations. Those Senators would be chosen on the recommendation of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader.

"I needn't dwell on the importance of this issue. It is central to our national security. It is central to our relations with our most formidable adversary, the Soviet Union. And it is central to the peace -indeed, to the very existence -of the civilized world as we know it. On these grounds alone, the issue of nuclear arms control is a fitting focus for the first substantive act of this new Senate," Dole said.

The Dole/Byrd resolution contains the following points:

- 1) Commends the President for his commitment to arms control;
- 2) Offers full Senate support for any effort to engage the Soviet Union in discussions on reducing nuclear arsenals;
- 3) Urges the President to remain flexible on negotiating plans;
- 4) Extends support to Secretary of State George Shultz for his meeting with Soviets in Geneva, and;
- 5) Recommends that a bi-partisan group of Senators serve as Senate observers to the meeting.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

(for himself and Mr. Byrd)
Mr. Dole submitted the following resolution; which was _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the upcoming meeting
in Geneva of the Secretary of State with the Soviet Foreign
Minister, and for other purposes.

Whereas the control and reduction of nuclear arms are among the
most pressing problems confronting the world;

Whereas all reasonable efforts, consistent with the national
security of the United States and the responsibilities of the
United States as the leader of the Free World, need to be
undertaken in pursuit of nuclear arms control and reduction;

Whereas the issue of nuclear arms control and reduction must be
pursued on the basis of the national interest of the United
States without regard for partisan considerations;

Whereas the control and reduction of nuclear arms are central to
the relations of the United States with the Soviet Union, the
only other nation on Earth possessing a comparable nuclear
arsenal; and

Whereas the President has declared that one of the highest
priority goals of his second administration is to pursue
nuclear arms control and reduction talks with the leaders of
the Soviet Union which are aimed at the mutual, balanced, and
verifiable reduction of the strategic arsenals of both
countries: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate hereby--

(1) commends the commitment by the President to make
nuclear arms control and reduction talks with the
Government of the Soviet Union a high priority goal of
his second administration;

(2) offers full support for any effort by the
President to engage the Government of the Soviet Union in
dialogue and negotiations in pursuit of agreements to
control and reduce the nuclear arsenals of the United
States and the Soviet Union;

(3) urges the President to approach such talks with
creativity and flexibility consistent with the
requirements of the security of the United States and the
security of those nations that are allies and friends of
the United States;

(4) extends to Secretary of State Shultz full support
for his efforts and best wishes for success in his
meetings with Foreign Minister Gromyko in Geneva January
7-8, which are aimed at setting a more concrete agenda
for the resumption of nuclear arms control and reduction
negotiations in the immediate future, negotiations to
which both the United States and the Soviet Union have
agreed; and

(5) recommends that the President include, as
official observers on the United States delegation to any
formal negotiations which take place, a bipartisan group
of Senators, designated upon the recommendation of the
Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the Senate.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy
of this resolution to the President.