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DOLES SEEKS SENATE HEARINGS ON ITC RULING, AG PRODUCTS

Washington, DC -- Kansas Sen. Bob Dole has asked the Senate Finance Committee to hold hearings on the relationship between raw and processed farm products in light of a recent government finding that could pose "serious ramifications" for future trade deliberations.

Joined by Iowa Sen. Charles Grassley, Dole has written to the chairman of the Finance Committee, Oregon Sen. Bob Packwood, and to the chairman of its Subcommittee on International Trade, Missouri Sen. John Danforth, seeking the hearings.

Sen. Dole noted that the International Trade Commission (ITC) recently found evidence of injuries resulting from the importation of live hogs from Canada but did not recognize injuries resulting from the importation of fresh or processed Canadian pork. Senator Dole had earlier requested the ITC to investigate whether Canadian imports of live swine and fresh, chilled and frozen pork products are subsidized.

Writing to Packwood and Danforth, Dole said, "This split decision raises a number of serious questions that need to be answered. Not only does the ITC's final decision run contrary to its preliminary findings, but also it fails to reflect the relationship between raw and processed agricultural products which could have serious ramifications for future ITC trade deliberations."

Dole asked that the Finance committee and subcommittee invite administration officials and industry representatives to testify.

Pork imports from Canada rose from \$251 million in 1983 to \$404 million in 1984.