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STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB DOLE
CONFIRMATION OF JIM ABDNOR AS SBA ADMINISTRATOR

IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A SPEECH PRAISING A NOMINEE WHO WE KNOW REALLY WELL, WHO WE CALL A FRIEND. SO IT IS A SPECIAL PLEASURE AND HONOR TO RISE TODAY TO GIVE MY HEARTY ENDORSEMENT OF JIM ABDNOR AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

JIM WAS A STALWART ALLY THROUGHOUT MY TENURE AS MAJORITY LEADER. I VALUED HIS FRIENDSHIP AND HIS COUNSEL. AND I DON'T KNOW ANY SENATOR WHO CARED MORE ABOUT HIS CONSTITUENTS, WHO WORKED HARDER FOR THEM, AND FOR MEN AND WOMEN THROUGHOUT RURAL AMERICA, THAN JIM ABDNOR.

IT IS JIM'S COMMITMENT AND UNDERSTANDING OF SMALL TOWN AMERICA, OF SMALL BUSINESSES, ITS SPECIAL NEEDS AND CONCERNS, THAT MAKES HIS NOMINATION SO RIGHT.

THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN HARD HIT BY THE BUDGET CRUNCH. BUT NO ONE IS BETTER SUITED TO PROTECT THE NEEDS OF THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY, WHILE UNDERSTANDING THE FISCAL RESTRAINT NEEDED, THAN JIM.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, I WOULD RATHER JIM WAS SITTING HERE ON THE FLOOR RIGHT NOW, AS THE JUNIOR SENATOR FROM SOUTH DAKOTA. BUT SINCE THAT'S NOT IN THE CARDS, I'M VERY HAPPY HE WILL BE FULFILLING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS ADMINISTRATION. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT HE WILL BE AN ABLE AND ACTIVE HEAD AT THE SBA.

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