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DOLE TO KICK-OFF REPUBLICAN ABM TREATY SERIES

WASHINGTON -- ON THURSDAY APRIL 2, SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KANS.) WILL MAKE THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF FLOOR SPEECHES ON NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES SURROUNDING THE ABM TREATY.

Republican senators intend to defend the President's position on the ABM treaty -- its broad interpretation -- and to counter recent claims by some senators that a "Constitutional crisis" is brewing over the ABM treaty. According to the Republican leader, there is no such crisis, and the debate needs to be refocused on national security.

Dole's opening remarks tomorrow will focus on treaty interpretation. He will argue that the president "is not brashly pushing aside America's treaty obligations. He is not leaping into an uncharted military program. He is not abandoning the Geneva negotiating table. He is proceeding in the wisest of ways to insure what we do is technically, legally and strategically sound."

Other GOP senators, who will speak on April 2 and 7, will address: interpretation of the ABM Treaty, Soviet violations of the treaty; the negotiating record, and the effect of the treaty on the arms control talks in Geneva.

Among the Senators who will speak are: Pete Wilson; Malcolm Wallop; Don Nickles; John Warner; Rudy Boschwitz; Jesse Helms; Thad Cochran; James McClure; Steve Symms; John McCain; Bob Kasten; Mitch McConnell; Jake Garn; Strom Thurmond; Dick Lugar and Phil Gramm.