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DOLE: PRESIDENT BRINGS "MORE THAN WORDS" TO JAPAN TRADE DISPUTE

MEMPHIS, TENN. -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R.-KS.) SAID PRESIDENT REAGAN DEMONSTRATED TODAY THAT HE IS "WILLING TO BRING MORE THAN JUST WORDS" TO THE ONGOING TRADE DISPUTE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND JAPAN.

SPEAKING AT A MEMPHIS PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE END OF AN ELEVEN STATE EASTER RECESS TRIP, DOLE PRAISED THE PRESIDENT FOR TAKING "DECISIVE ACTION" BY IMPOSING TARIFFS ON A WIDE RANGE OF JAPANESE GOODS IN RETALIATION FOR VIOLATIONS OF TRADE AGREEMENTS ON SEMI-CONDUCTORS.

"BOTH SIDES HAVE EXHAUSTED THEMSELVES WITH RHETORIC. AND FOR ALL THAT TALK, NOT MUCH HAS REALLY HAPPENED EXCEPT THAT THE JAPANESE CONTINUED TO VIOLATE THEIR TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH US. NO ONE ENJOYS THE IMPOSITION OF TARIFFS -- ESPECIALLY ON OUR FRIENDS -- AND ABOVE ALL NO ONE WANTS A TRADE WAR," DOLE SAID. "LET'S HOPE THE JAPANESE GET THE MESSAGE THAT THE PRESIDENT IS SERIOUS AND IS READY TO USE THE POWERS OF HIS OFFICE TO SAFEGUARD AMERICAN INTERESTS BOTH HERE AND ABROAD."

"NOW IT IS TIME TO WORK BACKWARDS FROM TODAY'S ACTION, TO ACTIVELY SEEK WAYS TO AVOID THE KIND OF ESCALATION THAT COULD LEAD TO A TRADE BATTLE NEITHER SIDE CAN WIN," DOLE CAUTIONED. "ALL WE ARE ASKING FOR IS FAIR COMPETITION."

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