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DOLE COSPONSORS CRACKDOWN-ON-CASTRO BILL;
HAVANA, ANGOLA TARGETED FOR ECONOMIC SANCTIONS

WASHINGTON -- Stating that it's time to "turn the economic screws" on Fidel Castro, Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-KS) today cosponsored comprehensive legislation designed to hit the Communist dictatorship where it hurts -- in the pocketbook.

The bill, cosponsored by Senators Lawton Chiles (D-FL) and Ernest Hollings (D-SC), would impose an embargo on U.S. trade with Angola and also establish tough new restrictions on trade with Cuba.

"Cuba is hurting now as never before. Castro's policies have failed; his economy has collapsed; his charisma has faded," Dole said. "Castro has himself on a big, sharp hook, and it's not in our interest to let him off. On the contrary, now is the time to turn the screws; to begin undermining Castro's ability to maintain the kind of despotic regime he has established inside Cuba, and to carry on the kind of international adventures in which he is engaged, from Nicaragua to Angola."

Dole also said it was time for American businesses to pull out of Angola in view of its Marxist dictatorship and the 35-45,000 Cuban troops sent there by Castro to help prop it up.

"The enactment of these provisions will send a strong signal -- to the MPLA, to Havana and even to Moscow -- that we are firm and serious about our goals and policy in Angola. No more 'business as usual' until the Cubans go home," Dole said.

"It's time we matched our rhetoric -- on both Cuba and Angola -- with concrete action. This bill is an excellent first step."

The provisions of the bill are listed on back.

PROVISIONS OF CUBA-ANGOLA BILL

Angola

- o Embargo on trade with Angola (except humanitarian assistance in time of emergency).
- o Repeal of Section 911 income tax benefits (\$70,000 exemption) for Americans working in Angola (and other countries which we do not recognize or which are on the "terrorist list" -- Angola is the only country in which there are a significant number of Americans).

Cuba

- o No ship calling at a Cuban port can call at an American port in the subsequent six months.
- o USTR is instructed to raise with our trading partners our concern that their trade with Cuba helps to bolster Castro's regime.
- o American aid should be reduced to any recipient country importing Cuban sugar by a dollar amount equal to the value of the Cuban sugar imported by that country (the aid is escrowed until the import of Cuban sugar is halted).
- o In future government-to-government loan agreements (where U.S. is lender to another country), a clause shall be included to accelerate repayment of that country's loan to us if that country subsequently makes a loan to Cuba at concessional rates.

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