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DOLE SUBMITS RESOLUTION ON USGA GOLF RULE

Washington, DC -- As a result of the United States Golf Association's (USGA) refusal to permit the use of carts by disabled golfers in its sanction tournaments, Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-KS) today introduced a resolution "expressing the sense of the Senate concerning support for a change in USGA rules".

The text of the resolution is as follows:

"Whereas the sport of golf has a rich heritage, and is universally popular because it emphasizes fair play;

"Whereas the game of golf is enjoyed by millions of players with varied skills, including disabled persons;

"Whereas disabled individuals are active and vital participants in all aspects of our society and should be encouraged to compete in the sport of golf;

"Whereas we acknowledge and accept that in order for disabled individuals to be given an equal opportunity to compete accommodations may be necessary;

"Whereas a disabled veteran attempted to play this week in the U.S. Senior Open, a United States Golf Association-sponsored event, but was effectively prevented from doing so for lack of reasonable accommodations;

"Whereas the restriction against disabled individuals is inconsistent with the notion of an "Open" tournament and serves as a form of discrimination;

"Now therefore be it resolved by the Senate, that the United States Golf Association be encouraged to review its rules and procedures and consider non-discriminatory flexibility in the imposition of such rules to allow qualified disabled individuals to effectively compete in its sanction tournaments."

A vote on the resolution is scheduled for Tuesday.