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DOLE SUPPORTS IMMEDIATE TRADE EMBARGO WITH IRAN

WASHINGTON -- THE SENATE TODAY OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVED AN AMENDMENT AUTHORED BY SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) IMPOSING AN IMMEDIATE AND TOTAL TRADE EMBARGO AGAINST IRAN IF IT LAUNCHES A SILKWORM MISSILE OR ANY PURPOSEFUL ATTACK AGAINST U.S. VESSELS AND PERSONNEL.

Dole said, "Personally I see no reason to wait for an Iranian attack -- I support a trade embargo against Iran starting today. American purchase of Iranian oil provided the Ayatollah a half billion dollars to buy weapons and conduct terrorism. We ought to stop that absurdity now. But the political reality is the Senate would not approve such tough action."

"Make no mistake, if Iran ever does attack American ships or servicemen, I will back immediate and strong military retaliation."

"But Congress has a special responsibility for foreign commerce -- and this amendment is aimed at sending a Congressional message to Iran in that area. I hope the Iranians get the message loud and clear," Dole said.