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## DOLE AMENDMENT ENSURES U.S. ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL

Washington, D.C. -- Senator Robert Dole (R-KS) today introduced an amendment adopted unanimously by the Senate to the State Department authorization bill which would ensure continued U.S. membership in the International Wheat Council (IWC) which sponsors the International Wheat Agreement.

In his statement on the Senate floor today, Dole said, "The IWC is widely recognized as one of the most reliable and important sources of international grain trade data. Its estimates and projections are used by USDA, by the grain trade and by farmers."

"The IWC also monitors its members' compliance with their international food aid obligations in which the U.S. has always exceeded the minimum levels of humanitarian aid obliged under our international agreements."

"In addition, the IWC is a primary source of objective data and analysis on national grain policies, production and prices throughout the world. Such an objective source of information will be useful if the 92 member nations of the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) hope to reach any balanced agreement on agricultural trade matters."

The amendment authorized the State Department to use existing funds to pay U.S. dues to the International Wheat Council. The amendment was supported by the National Association of Wheat Growers.