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DOLE PRAISES SHOT ACROSS THE BOWS OF UNFAIR TRADERS  
SAYS FAIR TRADE IS A TWO-WAY STREET

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) PRAISED THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE THAT JAPAN, BRAZIL AND INDIA HAVE BEEN PLACED ON A PRIORITY LIST UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 301 OF THE NEWLY-ENACTED TRADE LAW.

"UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE CARLA HILLS MADE THE RIGHT CALL. SHE FIRED A COUPLE OF WARNING SHOTS ACROSS THE BOWS OF OUR TRADING PARTNERS WHO SOMEHOW HAVEN'T HEARD THE NEWS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS SERIOUS ABOUT FAIR TRADE."

"IF THEY DIDN'T REALIZE IT BEFORE, THEY DO NOW. WE WILL USE THE "SUPER 301" PROCESS TO MAKE SURE FOREIGN COMPETITORS GIVE U.S. COMPANIES AN EQUAL SHOT IN THEIR COUNTRIES."

"IF WE WANTED TO PROTECT AMERICAN INDUSTRIES FROM COMPETITION, CONGRESS SIMPLY WOULD HAVE RAISED IMPORT DUTIES. WE DON'T WANT THAT; AND, WE DON'T EXPECT OTHER COUNTRIES TO BUY OUR GOODS IF THEY'RE NON-COMPETITIVE."

"WHAT WE SEEK IS A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD -- A FAIR BREAK FOR AMERICAN INDUSTRIES SEEKING TO COMPETE ABROAD. IMPROVING THE TRADE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES IS NOT A PARTISAN ISSUE. BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE ARE UNITED IN SUPPORTING A TRADE POLICY THAT SAYS TO OUR COMPETITORS: ALLOW US TO COMPETE IN YOUR COUNTRY ON THE SAME BASIS YOU COMPETE IN OURS."

"FOR TOO LONG WE'VE KEPT OUR MARKETS OPEN TO FOREIGN COMPETITORS UNDER THE GUISE OF "FREE TRADE;" WHILE THEY SHUT THEIR HARBORS AND AIRPORTS TO US."

"THIS "SUPER 301" ACTION LAYS IT OUT CLEAR AND SIMPLE: FREE TRADE MEANS FAIR TRADE, AND THAT MEANS A TWO-WAY STREET."

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