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## A D V I S O R Y

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SEN. DOLE AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON DISABILITY WELCOME ILYA  
ZASLAVSKY, SOVIET DISABILITY ADVOCATE AND DEPUTY TO THE SOVIET  
PEOPLES' CONGRESS, TO CAPITOL HILL RECEPTION.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 10:00 A.M., S-207, U.S. CAPITOL

WASHINGTON - Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole and Mr. Alan Reich, President, National Organization on Disability, will sponsor a news availability/reception this Thursday, September 7, 10:00 a.m. in Room S-207, the U.S. Capitol, in honor of Ilya Zaslavsky, Deputy to the Soviet Peoples' Congress and advocate for the disabled in the Soviet Union.

Following brief opening remarks by Sen. Dole and President Reich, Zaslavsky will offer comments and be available for questions.

Zaslavsky won a sweeping victory in Mikhail Gorbachev's Moscow voting district during last March's Soviet legislative elections. A textile research scientist at the Moscow Textile Institute, Zaslavsky lost both his legs as a child and has become the leading Soviet advocate for the weak and disabled.

He garnered 55 percent of the vote in his district, defeating a well-known local television commentator. Other famous Soviets, including human-rights activist Andrei Sakharov and cosmonaut Georgi Grechko, decided to drop out of the race and endorse Zaslavsky.

Dole, who has long been active in disability issues, sent Zaslavsky a letter of congratulations last April. In the letter Dole summarized comments he had made to Soviet President Gorbachev during the 1988 INF Treaty signing ceremonies in Moscow. Dole proposed the U.S. and Soviet Union begin a dialogue on disability issues in conjunction with the U.N.'s International Decade of the Disabled.

Zaslavsky arrived in Washington September 1 and will travel throughout the United States for most of September before returning to Moscow.

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