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YUGOSLAVIA

WASHINGTON - LAST NIGHT, IN RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS IN YUGOSLAVIA, THE SENATE UNANIMOUSLY PASSED S. RES. 147, SPONSORED BY SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KS) AND COSPONSORED BY SENATORS PELL (D-RI), PRESSLER (R-SD), BYRD (D-WV), HELMS (R-NC), NICKLES (R-OK), AND RIEGLE (D-MI). THE RESOLUTION CONDEMNS THE USE OF FORCE TO RESOLVE POLITICAL DIFFERENCES IN YUGOSLAVIA.

"THIS RESOLUTION SENDS A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE AT A CRITICAL TIME", DOLE SAID. "WE NEED TO STAND FIRM AGAINST THE USE OF VIOLENCE AND BRUTE FORCE. EVER SINCE THE YUGOSLAV CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MOBILIZED THE YUGOSLAV ARMY AND ORDERED THE USE OF FORCE IN RESPONSE TO THE CROATIAN AND SLOVENIAN DECLARATIONS OF INDEPENDENCE THE CRISIS HAS BEEN ESCALATING BY THE MINUTE."

I BELIEVE THAT THIS RESOLUTION WILL SUPPORT THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS AND EUROPEAN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE DIALOGUE--WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT INVOLVING GREATER SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE FOR THE REPUBLICS OF YUGOSLAVIA.

"YESTERDAY, THERE WERE REPORTS OF MORE THAN A HUNDRED PEOPLE DEAD--IN SLOVENIA ALONE--AS A RESULT OF FIGHTING BETWEEN YUGOSLAV ARMY TROOPS AND SLOVENIAN MILITIA. THERE IS ALSO NEWS OF CLASHES IN CROATIA WHICH HAVE RESULTED IN CASUALTIES.

"NOW IS THE TIME FOR THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO SAY CLEARLY AND WITH ONE VOICE THAT IT REJECTS VIOLENCE AND SUPPORTS DEMOCRACY AND PEACEFUL DIALOGUE. I BELIEVE THAT THIS RESOLUTION DOES JUST THAT AND I AM PLEASED THAT THE SENATE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED IT."

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