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U.S. SENATOR FOR KANSAS

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PENNSYLVANIA SENATE RULING

DOLE APPLAUDS APPEALS COURT RULING
CLEARING WAY FOR U.S. SENATE ELECTION IN PENNSYLVANIA

NORTON, KANSAS -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS) MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT REGARDING TODAY'S FEDERAL APPEALS COURT RULING OVERTURNING A LOWER COURT DECISION THAT BLOCKED AN ELECTION TO FILL THE U.S. SENATE SEAT FORMERLY HELD BY THE LATE SENATOR JOHN HEINZ:

"TODAY'S RULING SHOULD PAVE THE WAY FOR A SENATE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER -- THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR PENNSYLVANIA AND GOOD NEWS FOR AMERICA," DOLE SAID. "THE BAD NEWS IS THE FUTURE OF THIS SENATE SEAT HAS BEEN CLOUDED SO LONG. THE CASE HAS HAD A FAIR HEARING BY A THREE-JUDGE FEDERAL APPEALS PANEL WHICH WAS UNANIMOUS IN ITS RULING TO OVERTURN THE LOWER COURT, AND NOW IT'S TIME TO GET ON WITH THE BUSINESS OF THE ELECTION PREVIOUSLY SET BY THE GOVERNOR. I REMAIN CONFIDENT DICK THORNBURGH WILL BE THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE TO CONTINUE THE IMPORTANT LEGACY OF THE LATE SENATOR JOHN HEINZ."