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BASEBALL STRIKE UPDATE

**DOLE URGES RESOLUTION TODAY;
REACH AGREEMENT AT BARGAINING TABLE --
OR ACCEPT MEDIATOR'S SETTLEMENT**

For nearly six months now, baseball fans all across America have patiently stood by watching the transformation of our nation's pastime into a crass tug-of-war over money.

Multimillion dollar players and multimillion dollar owners have argued, haggled, argued some more, and ultimately deprived the American people of one of the most exciting seasons in recent memory.

After 179 days of confrontation, the players and the owners must now put aside their differences and find common ground. Not tomorrow. Not two weeks from now. But today: Tuesday, February 7. There is simply no more sand left in the negotiating hourglass. The integrity of the institution of baseball is far more important than anyone's bottom line.

With that said, let me be crystal clear on one important point: neither party--player nor owner--should be looking to Congress for any magic solutions. The magic solution can only be found at the bargaining table.

If, for some reason, the players and owners can't reach an agreement today, then they should do the next best thing--which is to voluntarily accept whatever settlement special mediator Bill Utery may propose. If it's good enough for Bill Utery, I'm confident it's good enough for baseball.

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* Remarks delivered on the Senate floor, approximately 10:15 a.m.