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DOLE RECOMMENDS ABRAHAM TO HELSINKI COMMISSION

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole has announced his recommendation of Senator Spencer Abraham (R-MI) to serve on the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Helsinki Commission.

"With so many Americans of Central and Eastern European descent in his state, Spence will bring insight to the evolving situation in the countries of Eastern Europe, the former Yugoslavia, and the former Soviet Union. He will be a real asset to this important Commission as it works to meet the challenges of this decade," said Dole.

The Commission monitors the actions of the signatories -- virtually all of the nations of Europe and the former Soviet Union -- in order to determine compliance with or violation of the human rights principles outlined in the Helsinki Accords and the Helsinki Final Act. The Commission is further authorized and directed to encourage the programs and activities of the United States Government and private organizations aimed at advancing human rights.

Dole also recommended Senator Spencer Abraham (R-MI), Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO), and Senator Dirk Kempthorne (R-ID) to the Commission. Senator Al D'Amato serves as co-chairman of the Commission.

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