

Dole Amendment to State, Commerce, Justice Appropriations
Resolution on China Missile Sales to Middle East

The Senate finds that: (1) According to intelligence and other reports, the People's Republic of China has sold billions of dollars worth of missiles and other weapons to Iran and Iraq, including Silkworm missiles which have been used against American allies and friends and which threaten American military personnel and vessels.

(2) Despite repeated requests from the U.S. to endorse the United Nations-sponsored, international arms embargo against Iran and Iraq, China has refused to stop selling arms to the belligerents.

(3) Recent media and intelligence reports indicate that China may be pursuing the sale of M9 short-range ballistic missiles to Syria, Iran, Libya and Pakistan, promoting further instability in the region.

(4) Such activities as described in (1), (2) and (3) represent a serious threat to American interests, and to regional peace and stability.

(5) Secretary of State Shultz recently raised our deep concerns over China's arms sale policies with top Chinese leaders in Beijing.

It is the Sense of the Senate that:

1. The People's Republic of China should immediately halt the sale of ballistic missiles and other offensive weapons to all nations of the Middle East and Persian Gulf, either directly or through third party transfers.
2. The PRC should discontinue reported discussions with Syria, Iran, Libya and Pakistan regarding potential sales of M9 short-range ballistic missiles and other armaments under development.
3. The PRC should endorse the United Nations-sponsored, international arms embargo against Iran and Iraq.
4. If these sales and policies are not discontinued, the U.S. should reassess bilateral relations with the PRC and reexamine agreements or contemplated agreements providing for arms and technology transfers to the PRC.