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PMS SENATOR ROBERT J DOLE

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WASHINGTON DC 20510

SENATOR MAGNUSON'S ATTEMPTED PASSAGE OF S3130 AMENDING MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT WITHOUT PUBLIC HEARINGS OR CONSULTING WITH THE ZOOLOGICAL COMMUNITY IS INTOLERABLE. THIS AMENDMENT SEEKS TO PROHIBIT THE CAPTIVE DISPLAY OF KILLER WHALES. SUCH HIGH-HANDED TREATMENT LEAVES ALL OF US OPEN TO LEGISLATION BASED UPON THE PERSONAL WHIMS AND PREJUDICES OF LEGISLATORS AND DOES NOT ANSWER PRACTICAL CONSERVATION PRINCIPLES. WE RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO STRENUOUSLY OBJECT TO THIS PROCEDURE AND INSIST THAT SUCH MATTER BE GIVEN THE SCRUTINY OF EXPERTS AND THAT ALL SIDES BE HEARD.

R. L. BLAKELY, DIRECTOR

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NATURAL RESOURCES/fish and wildlife

May 12, 1976

Mr. R. L. Blakely, Director
Sedgwick County Zoological Society
5555 Zoo Boulevard
Wichita, Kansas 67202

Dear Mr. Blakely:

Thank you for your telegram in regard to Senate bill S. 3130. This bill provides certain protections for the orcinus orca species (the killer whale).

On March 29, this measure passed the Senate by a voice vote and was referred to the House Committee on Merchant Marines and Fisheries. This Committee is planning on holding hearings on this bill and related House bills this month.

One must not lose sight of the fact that we are interested in preserving the environment and its inhabitants. Research and experiments are constantly underway for this very purpose in both federal and private institutions.

Certainly appreciate your expression of concern and interest. Be assured that I will keep your views in mind as related legislation comes to my attention. If I may be of any assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to get in touch with my office.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
United States Senator

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