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MIDWEST GOP MEMBERS MEET ON WHEAT AND FEED GRAIN LEGISLATION

Over twenty Midwestern Republican members of the House of Representatives met today to continue work on a new and comprehensive wheat-feed grain program in the event of a "no" vote in the May 21 national wheat referendum.

The spokesmen for the group were Representatives Albert Quie of Minnesota, Bob Dole of Kansas, and Don Short of North Dakota. These three Congressman have been working on an alternative wheat-feed grain program during this Session of Congress.

All three are members of the House Committee on Agriculture. Mr. Quie is the senior GOP member of the Feed Grains Subcommittee; Mr. Dole, who represents the largest wheat district in America, is a member of the Wheat Subcommittee; and Mr. Short is a member of both these Subcommittees.

Under the upcoming referendum, wheat farmers will choose between two Administration-sponsored alternatives--either the certificate wheat plan with price support for wheat at \$2 per bushel on a portion of their 1964 wheat production and \$1.30 per bushel on the remaining production, or price support at \$1.25 per bushel to those wheat farmers who comply with their allotments.

"Neither of these choices is an acceptable one to wheat farmers and both would have an adverse effect on feed grain farmers," Rep. Quie said. "Therefore," he pointed out, "remedial legislation is absolutely necessary for the welfare of the Midwest."

Rep. Dole said, "The wheat grower should, in all fairness, be reassured by the fact that many Congressmen are already working for an alternate wheat program if the referendum fails."

Rep. Short agreed and said, "Farmers who may not like the prospects of the very restrictive certificate wheat program should know that there are many Members of Congress who are ready to move to include wheat in a voluntary feed grain type program if the referendum should fail."

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