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## FARM STATE REPUBLICANS URGE ACTION ON WHEAT

29 GOP farm state Members of the House and Senate today urged the Kennedy Administration to take immediate action on wheat legislation before the 1964 crop of wheat is planted.

"The time for action is now," said Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen, the Senate Minority Leader. "Unless Congress gets down to work on a remedial wheat bill, the Administration's ruinous wheat program will go into effect on the 1964 crop."

"Unfortunately the Kennedy Administration has been indifferent to the problems of the American wheat farmer and has adopted a "do nothing" policy, rather than accept a voluntary wheat program giving farmers a choice between decent alternatives," Senator Hruska said.

Representative Albert H. Quie of Minnesota pointed out that some 50 different wheat bills have been introduced by Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle and that "the time has now come for legislative action to pick the best combination of the various proposals now pending in Congress."

## Members of the Joint House-Senate group included:

Rep. Quie of Minnesota
Rep. Short of North Dakota
Rep. Dole of Kansas
Rep. Latta of Ohio
Rep. Beermann of Nebraska
Rep. Bromwell of Iowa
Rep. Langen of Minnesota
Rep. Martin of Nebraska
Rep. Thomson of Wisconsin
Rep. Battin of Montana
Rep. E. Y. Berry of South Dakota
Rep. May of Washington

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Senator Aiken of Vermont
Senator Carlson of Kansas
Senator Young of North Dakota
Senator Hruska of Nebraska
Senator Dominick of Colorado
Senator Pearson of Kansas
Senator Miller of Iowa
Senator Simpson of Wyoming
Senator Mundt of South Dakota
Senator Curtis of Nebraska
Senator Tower of Texas
Senator Jordon of Idaho
Senator Allott of Colorado