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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) lost efforts to amend the Administration wheat bill before what he termed "sham" hearings of the Agriculture Committee today. Dole sought to authorize storage of excess wheat under bond for the 1964 and subsequent wheat crops. This amendment was defeated by a vote of 20 to 14. Dole also supported an amendment to raise the "resale price" of Commodity Stocks of wheat from 105 to 115 per cent of the prevailing support price. This amendment also failed on a 20 to 14 vote.

Dole indicated a substitute to the so called "Purcell Bill" failed by a similar vote. The substitute which he supported would have:

1. Raised 1964 loan price to 65 to 90 percent of parity to participants in the program.
2. Authorized temporary acreage diversion program for 1964 and 1965.
3. Extended expiring Conservation Reserve Contracts.
4. Suspended marketing quotas and Referendums indefinitely.

Congressman Dole stated that, "following rejection of the amendments the Committee Chairman moved the adoption of the Purcell bill and this action was quickly followed by another maneuver to insert provisions of the Senate passed wheat bill. The Chairman would not permit the Senate bill to be read, discussed or amended in an obvious effort to railroad the measure through the Committee but following this the Chairman advised the action by the House Committee was probably meaningless. The tactics of the Southerners who control the Agriculture Committee are reminiscent of those they so loudly complained of prior to consideration of the Civil Rights Bill.

"Those for or against the general principles of the wheat legislation certainly deserved more consideration than they received before the Agriculture Committee as there are some serious defects in the Senate passed version", Dole concluded.

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