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MODIFIED DOLE AMENDMENT ACCEPTED BY SUGAR CONFERENCE

The conferees on the Sugar Bill yesterday approved an amendment which had been proposed earlier by Kansas Congressman Robert Dole (Rep.). In the Sugar Bill, which was approved early Saturday morning by both the House and the Senate and sent to the President for his signature, the following language was included in the section of the bill dealing with the assignment of sugar quota deficits: "In making allocation for foreign countries within the Western Hemisphere under this subsection, special consideration shall be given to those countries purchasing U. S. agricultural commodities."

During the consideration of sugar legislation in the House Agriculture Committee, Dole offered a similar amendment containing stronger language, but aimed at the same purpose. "In our additional views on the Sugar Bill, Congresswoman May (Rep-Wash.) and I pointed out that a provision of this nature was highly desirable in order to encourage additional exports of U. S. farm commodities for dollars."

Dole also pointed out that his amendment failed by only two votes in the committee, 16 to 14. During a colloquy with Harold D. Cooley (Dem-N.C.), Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, on the floor last night, Dole pointed out the desirability of this amendment.

"It is my hope that this language will now be used by the Administration when it assigns sugar deficits in a manner which will increase the sale of American-grown wheat."