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Washington-Rep. Bob Dole (R.Kans.) appearing today before Secretary of Commerce, John T. Connor, requested the action taken by him on March 7, 1966, imposing export restrictions on cattle hide, be rescinded.

Dole, referring to the news release from the Commerce Dept. announcing export quotas on future shipments of cattle hides, calf & kip skins destined for all countries except Canada, stated, "The news came as a distinct shock to the cattle producers of my District, and for that matter, to all others in Kansas and the nation.

"It has been said such restrictions are necessary because increased hide exports over the past several months might impose a squeeze on domestic users of hides and generate price increases through shortages. But these reasons advanced by the Commerce Dept. officials for this action appear utterly inconsistent.

"That this export control device has had no beneficial effect for the consumer is evidenced by the fact that shortly after the announcement of export quotas, manufacturers taking part in the National Shoe Fair, announced increases that will add an estimated one to two dollars per pair to the retail prices of men's and women's shoes.

"For many years, hide prices have been in a depressed condition",
Dole continued, "so much so that for some time cattle raisers could find no market for cattle hides and simply buried or otherwise disposed of them. Now, at the first moment there is some recovery in the hide market, farmers and ranchers are being told by their government they must forego this promise of improved income."