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WASHINGTON, D.C., June 12 -- Congressman Bob Dole has urged the House Rules Committee to grant a rule for the bill providing a one-year extension of the 1965 Food and Agriculture Act.

In letters to Committee Chairman William Colmer (D-Miss) and Congressman H. Allen Smith (R-Calif), ranking Republican Member of the Committee, Dole urged "early and favorable" action to bring the bill to the House floor for a vote.

"It is particularly important to wheat farmers", he said, that the program "be extended during this session of Congress".

Dole, a ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee, explained that although the present Act does not expire until December, 1969, the 1970 wheat crop will be planted in the fall of 1969.

Dole said, "wheat producers are entitled to know the kind of program under which they will operate." "Too often in the past", he added, "he has sown his wheat not knowing for certain what Congress would do."

Dole also said a one-year extension of the Act would afford "a new Administration and the 91st Congress ample opportunity to consider and improve agricultural programs free from the political atmosphere of this Presidential election year."