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WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 25 -- Congressman Bob Dole today urged his House colleagues to support the House-Senate conference bill extending the 1965 farm act for one year.

Dole spoke on the House floor, shortly before the House approved the one-year extension by a vote of 189 to 172.

"If the Act is not extended," Dole said, "there is little likelihood a new farm bill will be passed next year before wheat-sowing time."

What this means, he added, "is the farmer will be sowing wheat not even knowing what the program might be, as has happened too often in the past."

In his remarks, Dole also said he supports the one-year extension because "it gives a new Administration one year to devise a new program or revise the 1965 Act to improve farm income."

Pointing out wheat and other grain prices are at record lows in the Midwest, Dole said, "Farmers must keep the pressure on leaders of both political parties for rural America cannot continue under present conditions."

"And if rural America declines further and more and more people are forced off the farms, one ultimate result will be even higher food prices for consumers."