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WASHINGTON, D.C. June 30 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today praised action of President Nixon and Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin in setting meat import restraint levels for the calendar year 1970.

Considerable pressure had been exerted to raise the restraint level, or even suspend the quotas, an authority granted the President under a 1964 law.

The restraint level was increased from approximately 999 million pounds to 1,140 million pounds.

"The announcement shows that considerable thought was given the matter by President Nixon and Secretary Hardin," Dole said. "While I am not pleased to see any increase in the restraint level, this new level still provides protection for our domestic beef cattle industry and will allow it to grow in a healthy and orderly fashion."

Dole also praised the action closing the Canadian-U.S. border for the trans-shipment of beef from foreign countries.