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WASHINGTON, D.C. Nov. 11, 1971 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) termed Earl L. Butz, today, "an excellent choice for Secretary of Agriculture."

Dole said:

"His previous experience as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture during the Eisenhower Administration, and his background as a farmer have given him the preparation to immediately assume the duties of the Secretary of Agriculture. I regret Secretary Hardin's departure, however, as he has been responsive to the needs of agriculture and has done an excellent job."