



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C., DEC. 22, 1972 -- Senator Bob Dole today responded to a request from President Nixon asking Dole for recommendations on agricultural legislation and other programs of special interest to Kansas.

In a letter to President Nixon, Dole requested the President to support several measures important to rural Kansas, with major emphasis on the extension of the existing farm program. "While the present farm program needs some changes, the farmers of Kansas have indicated they would like to continue the set aside approach to farm legislation," Dole said, "and I would assume needed corrective amendments will be added in committee or on the floor."

Dole also asked for support of legislation he has introduced providing for an on-going program of research for new uses of wheat and wheat foods and for full funding of the Grain Marketing Research Laboratory at Kansas State University at Manhattan. He also requested support for an Emergency Transportation Act to prevent the strike of railroads or airlines that result in economic crisis such as has happened during wheat harvest in Kansas.

Dole gave high priority to legislation to provide needed services to rural communities and asked that the Administration support measures to assure better mail and air and rail transportation services for rural communities. The Kansas Senator also asked that the federal programs which assist in

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providing medical services to medically underserved areas be given priority consideration. "These programs are necessary if the rural development effort is to be successful," Dole said.

Dole informed the President of his intent to introduce commemorative legislation to focus attention of the "Growth of Agriculture" during the past 100 years. In 1974, Dole said, agriculture celebrated several centennials which make this a significant time to commemorate the efforts of our farmers and farm communities. Of particular importance to Kansas was the introduction - 100 years ago - of hard red winter wheat in Hillsboro and Angus cattle near Victoria.