



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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SALINA, KANSAS, APR. 14, 1973 -- Senator Bob Dole told an audience of Kansas Jaycees today that people -- not government -- must solve the problems that confront us today.

Dole said, "There are those in Congress, for example, who are doing a great deal of talking about a proposed rollback of prices. This is a classic case of people -- in this instance, a few liberal Congressmen who represent largely urban constituencies -- who are trying to solve a problem they don't fully understand."

The Kansas Senator said that everyone is concerned about high prices, "Inflation touches everyone, if affects business, labor, consumers, and producers, farmers and retailers. It affects the government and it affects private enterprise and private individuals."

"But," Dole said, "the proposed rollback of prices is the wrong way to get what we all want. It would put many producers in a position where they could not afford to continue in operation. Estimates are that it would provoke an immediate loss of some \$300 million to Kansas producers by cutting the price they could charge for their cattle."

Dole said that he hoped we can soon lay aside the emotionalizing and avoid the temptation to see the issue as a fight between the farmer and consumer.

"The farm industry," Dole said, "are as a group, some of the heaviest consumers of farm and non-farm products in the country. They can't afford not to be concerned about rising prices. And, as consumers, we can't afford to make them the scapegoat."



The price rollback would put a lot of producers out of business, Dole said, and that would lead in short order, not to lower prices, but to lower supplies and to higher prices.

"This isn't just the consumers fight or the farmers fight. It is a fight against higher prices, and all of us have to work together -- in Kansas and in Washington -- if we ever expect to win it."

Turning to the subject of American youth, Dole said that as a result of swift changes in transportation, communications, and styles, that a minority of "supposedly intelligent" people think our values should change as well, and, "as a result, young people can get somewhat disoriented and confused about the traditional beliefs of America."

Dole said that it was everyone's job to instill an awareness of what citizenship means and of what their responsibilities are as Americans and free people.