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DOLE SAYS PRESIDENTS DELIGHT OVER FARM BILL DEFEAT IS ASTOUNDING

WASHINGTON, D.C....."The Presidents delight over the defeat of the Emergency Agricultural Act of 1978 in the House of Representatives last night is astounding," Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) said this morning.

Dole, ranking Republican on the Senate Agriculture Committee, stated, "President Carter's attitude is hard to understand in light of the serious crisis found today in agriculture and the campaign commitments the President made in 1976. I find it difficult to comprehend how anyone can celebrate the defeat of the American farmer and the American consumer."

The Kansas Senator said, "American farmers are still in serious financial trouble. There are still serious surpluses of certain agricultural commodities. There are still farmers leaving the land and selling their farms. There are still farmers borrowing on their last remaining equity. Farm prices are still below the cost of production."

"President Carter said in the last campaign that he was a farmer who understood farm problems and would help the farmer. The President has now made the farmer and the farm bill his major symbol for fighting inflation. It is unfortunate the President has made agriculture a political issue and urged Democrats to vote against the best interest of the farmer."

"The vote in the House was not surprising considering the opposition from the President and the Democratic House leadership. Many Congressman voted against the bill because of the President's announced veto who would normally have supported good agricultural legislation."

"I will continue to work for the American farmer and for effective legislation. The work must continue. The thousands of farmers who have come to Washington since January are not giving up the fight and neither will I. Agriculture and the Family Farm are too important to our prosperity