PRESS RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS)

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On a motion by Congressman Bob Dole the House Committee on Agriculture today reported by a vote of 22 to 11 a compromise farm bill which basically provides for a one-year extension of the present wheat and feed grain programs.

Dole stated, "There were some minor changes made by the Committee, however extensive amendments and changes were not adopted because the majority of the Committee members felt it to report a bill quickly." Dole said, "Wheat farmers particularly need to know what next year's program will be and it is hoped that the compromise legislation can be enacted and agreed upon by the Senate within 10 days."

Dole concluded he felt a simple extension of the present programs would be well received by the great majority of farmers as they are essentially voluntary programs and will maintain the farmers income. Pole said he would resist any efforts to reinstate the Freeman-Kennedy program which was defeated last week in the House by a vote of 215 to 205.

"There will probably be another committee vote after amendments which were added have been printed and inserted in the bill, and at that time I would expect a nearly unanimous vote by committee members for the compromise plan."