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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) stated today that the Senate Sugar Bill passed late last night is a marked improvement over the bill passed in the House on Tuesday, June 19, 1962. Dole said he voted against the House measure because beet sugar producers were not assured of any real increase in production and, "In fact," Dole said, "under the House version it was very likely domestic producers would be permitted to produce less sugar after 1963."

Dole praised the amendment offered by Senator Frank Carlson (R-Kansas) and adopted unanimously by the Senate. Dole stated this amendment takes care of another weakness in the House bill and specifically directs the U.S.D.A. to give special consideration to those countries purchasing our surplus agriculture commodities when buying sugar from world sources. The amendment could provide a real opportunity for Midwestern farmers in disposing of surplus stocks of wheat and feed grains.

Dole also pointed out that the House provision which would have paid \$22.7 million to three sugar companies had been knocked out of the Senate version. Dole led the fight in the House to have this amendment stricken on the basis claims were pending in the U.S. Court of Claims and that there was, in his opinion, no legal obligation. The claims are based on imposition of fees on nonquota sugar imported from the Dominican Republic from July 1, 1960 to March 30, 1961. Both the Justice Department and the U.S.D.A. had advised Dole there was no legal obligation to pay the claim, however the House by a vote of 222 to 174 overrode objections and included the payments provision in the House version.

Dole concluded, "The Senate version is certainly a marked improvement over the bill passed by the House and when the bill comes to conference I hope these provisions in the Senate version are sustained."