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Congressman Bob Dole, Republican-Kansas, stated that the arrogant display of power politics in the Chambers of the House of Representatives today finally gave Administration leaders a portion of their program to regiment the American farmer. By a vote of 202 to 197 the House adopted the Conference Report but the Administration succeeded only after employing delaying procedural tactics to give them time to twist the arms of some of the Democrats who voted against the Conference Report.

When enough Democrats had marched down the aisle and changed their vote from "no" to "yes" the official vote was announced and it is in this setting that the American farmer has foisted upon him a time bomb which will not explode until 1964.

Dole stated there was no quarrel with the 1963 Wheat and Feed Grain Programs and stated in fact, the 1963 Wheat Program was very similar to the one he suggested on August 13. "The 1963 programs", Dole stated, "were used merely as bait, for in 1964 farmers will be subjected to complete regimentation and control. Despite some of the statements by conferees including Mr. Breeding of Kansas, it is very likely Kansas farmers, under the 1964 program, will receive only 92¢ per bushel for 15 to 18% of their wheat production. I attempted to clarify this with Mr. Breeding when he was speaking on the Floor, however, he refused to yield to me and I submit he has no valid answer to the question about 92¢ wheat and 80¢ corn.

"The voters of western Kansas now have another clear-cut issue and I doubt that many will be fooled by pronouncements that the Wheat Program for 1964 is the one advocated by the Wheat Growers and other farm groups. In addition to being very complex, the 1964 Certificate Plan retains acreage allotments and the farmers should know now that they will be required to take at least an additional 20% acreage cut.

"I predict that once farmers have detail information about the bill, they will defeat it soundly in a referendum."