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DOLE COMMENTS ON SENATE PASSAGE OF FARM BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C.--"While I'm pleased the Senate has acted expeditiously to approve the Emergency Farm Bill today, I'm concerned that there are no plans to resolve the House-Senate differences in Conference Committee until after the recess," Senator Bob Dole said following Senate passage (57-25) of the 1975 Emergency Farm Bill. "This is an Emergency bill and it is needed now to avoid further economic deterioration in some agricultural sectors."

Dole also said conferees should not overlook the possibility of a Presidential veto. "While improvements the Senate Committee made to the House-passed bill are highly desirable, we must be conscious of the very real threat of a veto. We do farmers no service if the compromise reached in a House-Senate Conference leads to a veto, but at the same time we must be prepared with alternatives if the bill is vetoed."

"One thing this bill should contain is the improved target prices. These are designed to cover only the cost of production. If the farm program is run properly, there will be no additional cost to taxpayers and farmers could expect to receive a higher price and fair profit on the open market. But these safeguards are necessary to help the farmer get back the production costs the farmer must pay -- in the event economic conditions decline so far that this is necessary."