

**REMARKS OF  
SENATOR BOB DOLE  
AGRICULTURE COUNCIL  
OF AMERICA  
FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

## **INTRODUCTION**

**\*\*     THANK YOU. IT'S A  
PLEASURE TO BE WITH YOU THIS  
MORNING, ESPECIALLY  
KNOWING THAT A FELLOW  
KANSAN WILL BE TAKING OVER  
AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL  
NEXT YEAR.**

**\*\*     KEITH NELSON HAS BEEN**

**AN ACTIVE VOICE FOR THE  
KANSAS WHEAT INDUSTRY OVER  
THE YEARS, AND HE'LL BE RIGHT  
AT HOME AS CHAIRMAN OF THIS  
DISTINGUISHED GROUP.**

**C.I.S. CREDITS**

**\*\* AS YOU KNOW, THE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THE**

**ALLOCATION OF THE REMAINING  
\$250 MILLION IN CREDITS TO  
THE FORMER SOVIET  
REPUBLICS.**

**\*\* THAT ALLOCATION BRINGS  
OUR CREDIT ASSISTANCE TOTAL  
TO \$3.75 BILLION, AND MARKS A  
POINT WHERE WE MAY NEED TO  
STEP BACK AND TAKE A LOOK**

**AT HOW WE WILL DEAL WITH  
THESE REPUBLICS IN THE  
FUTURE.**

**\*\* FOR STARTERS, A LOT HAS  
CHANGED IN THE LAST YEAR  
AND IN THE PAST SEVERAL  
MONTHS. WE ARE NO LONGER  
DEALING WITH ANY OFFICIAL  
CENTRAL ENTITY, SO WE'RE**

**GOING TO HAVE TO ADDRESS  
EACH REPUBLIC ON AN  
INDIVIDUAL BASIS.**

**\*\* IN THE PAST, THE  
REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS  
WERE JOINT AND SEVERAL  
AMONG TWELVE REPUBLICS,  
BUT NOW WE SEE THAT LOOSE  
COALITION BREAKING APART**

**AND WE'RE GETTING INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS.**

**\*\* RUSSIA HAS ASKED FOR \$600 MILLION, THE UKRAINE HAS ASKED FOR \$300 MILLION, AND I THINK THE OTHER REPUBLICS ARE RIGHT NOW TRYING TO ASSESS THEIR OWN NEEDS AND REPAYMENT CAPABILITIES.**

**\*\* BUT I'M CONFIDENT THAT  
WE'LL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO  
MEET THE NEEDS OF THE  
PEOPLE OF THAT REGION --  
BECAUSE THEY DESPERATELY  
NEED OUR ASSISTANCE AND  
BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING  
TO DO.**

**\*\* PUTTING ASIDE FOR A**

**MOMENT THE IMPORTANCE OF  
THAT MARKET TO U.S. FARMERS,  
WE'VE GOT TO LOOK AT THIS  
THROUGH THE EYES OF OUR  
FUTURE GENERATIONS -- THOSE  
WHO HAVE ALREADY LIVED  
THROUGH ONE ARMS RACE AND  
DON'T WANT TO PAY FOR  
ANOTHER IF DEMOCRACY IS  
ALLOWED TO FAIL.**

**\*\* I'M OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE  
BIPARTISAN SUPPORT THAT IS  
BUILDING IN THE SENATE TO  
BACK ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE  
TO THE REPUBLICS.**

**GATT**

**\*\* I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THE  
RUMBLINGS OF PROGRESS THAT  
IS REPORTEDLY OCCURRING IN**

**GENEVA -- ALTHOUGH  
WATCHING FOR GATT  
DEVELOPMENTS IS A LOT LIKE  
WATCHING PAINT DRY.**

**\*\* WE'VE SEEN EFFORTS TO  
REACH AN AGREEMENT  
ESCALATE TO CABINET LEVEL  
NEGOTIATIONS, AND I HOPE  
THAT THAT SENSE OF URGENCY**

**DOES NOT TRANSLATE INTO A  
BAD AGREEMENT FOR  
AMERICAN AGRICULTURE -- ONE  
THAT GIVES AWAY MORE THAN  
WE GET IN TERMS OF EXPANDED  
MARKETS.**

**\*\* I'VE GIVEN THAT MESSAGE  
TO THE PRESIDENT ON A  
NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, AND I**

**THINK HE REALIZES THAT A BAD  
AGREEMENT IS NOT GOING TO  
BE UPHELD IN THE SENATE.**

**FOOD SAFETY**

**\*\* AS YOU KNOW, CONGRESS  
HAS STRUGGLED FOR SEVERAL  
YEARS IN AN ATTEMPT TO PASS  
SOME KIND OF FOOD SAFETY  
MEASURE.**

**\*\*      GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE  
PRIMARY STUMBLING BLOCK  
CONTINUES TO BE THE  
DETERMINATION BY SOME  
MEMBERS TO LEGISLATE ON  
THE BASIS OF FEAR OF THE  
UNKNOWN, RATHER THAN ON  
SCIENCE AND COMMON SENSE.**

**\*\*      I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU**

**ABOUT THE IMPACT THAT SOME  
OF THE RIGID PROPOSALS  
FLOATING AROUND WOULD  
HAVE -- NOT JUST UPON  
FARMERS AND THE FOOD  
INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE -- BUT  
ALSO UPON THE AVERAGE  
AMERICAN WHO DEPENDS UPON  
AND EXPECTS A SAFE AND  
AFFORDABLE FOOD SUPPLY.**

**\*\* THERE IS, HOWEVER, SOME  
RESPONSIBLE LEGISLATION IN  
THE HOUSE -- LEGISLATION  
INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMEN  
BRUCE AND BLILEY -- THAT  
DOES MAKE ROOM FOR  
SCIENCE, AND ALLOWS FOR THE  
CONSIDERATION OF PESTICIDE  
BENEFITS.**

**\*\* IT WILL BE A TOUGH  
BATTLE, HOWEVER, IN THE  
HOUSE AND SENATE, AND THE  
SUPPORT AND COOPERATION  
OF ALL OF YOU INVOLVED IN  
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD  
PRODUCTION WILL BE VITAL TO  
ENSURE THAT COMMON SENSE  
PREVAILS.**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

**\*\* AND COMMON SENSE  
NEEDS TO BE A CENTRAL THEME  
IN ANY ENVIRONMENTAL  
LEGISLATION THAT MAY BE  
CONSIDERED THIS YEAR.**

**\*\* WHETHER THE SUBJECT IS  
WETLANDS, CLEAN WATER,  
CLEAN AIR OR PESTICIDE**

**REGULATION, WE NEED TO  
BRING A SENSE OF BALANCE TO  
THE DEBATE AND LET THE  
WORLD KNOW WHAT FARMERS  
AND RANCHERS -- AS PIONEER  
ENVIRONMENTALISTS -- ARE  
DOING DAILY TO PRESERVE OUR  
NATURAL RESOURCES WITHOUT  
THE HEAVY-HANDED PRESENCE  
OF FEDERAL MANDATES.**

~~SPEAK~~

Fri, March 20

SD-628

btw 8:30-11:30 am

February 28, 1992

TO: SENATOR DOLE  
FROM: DAVE SPEARS  
SUBJECT: ATTACHED INVITATION

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KEITH NELSON, WHEAT FARMER FROM PAWNEE ROCK, KS IS THE CHAIRMAN-ELECT OF THE AG. COUNCIL OF AMERICA. HE IS ALSO CURRENTLY VICE-PRESIDENT OF KAWG. I HAVE NOT TALKED TO KEITH DIRECTLY BUT I BELIEVE HE IS JUST PERFORMING HIS ROLE.

THEY WILL BE MEETING IN DIRKSON 628 FROM 8:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M. AND HAVE INVITED YOU TO STOP BY ANYTIME.

THEY DO NOT KNOW IF ANY OTHER KANSASANS WILL BE THERE BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT SENT OUT THE INVITATIONS YET.

FYI -- MARCH 20 IS NATIONAL AG. DAY.

N A T I O N A L A G R I C U L T U R E D A Y



MARCH 20, 1992

Dirksen 628  
Bd Mtg 8:30-11:30 am  
anytime stop by →

Fri, March 20  
on Capitol Hill  
probably  
9:00 or 9:30

February 4, 1992

Honorable Bob Dole  
United State Senate  
SH-141 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1601

Attn.: Yvonne Hopkins

Dear Senator Dole:

*from Pawnee Rock, KS*  
*approx 30 Board Members*  
*Possible 7 out 30-50 could be f/ KS*  
*D.S.C.*  
Keith Nelson, a friend and constituent of yours who is also a leader of long standing in the American wheat industry, is the Chairman-Elect of the Agriculture Council of America. Though I am new to my current position, I know that you have a long history of support for the Ag Council for which the board and I are very grateful.

Keith recently called your office to request that you meet with our board over breakfast on Friday, March 20, 1992. I am writing to formalize that request.

Our board members (list enclosed) are very eager to hear your observations about where the agriculture industry is going, what its major challenges are, and what major legislative and treaty issues mean for the industry. As you know, our activities are heavily focused on food safety issues, so specific comments in that area would be of special interest.

We would be delighted to hold the breakfast and the subsequent board meeting in a dining room on Capitol Hill if that would be more convenient for you. We would also be happy to accommodate your schedule in setting the time.

We will call your office in a few days to ask whether you are available and, if you are, to ask how to arrange access to a dining room. In the meantime, thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Pat Nichols*  
*Leah Smith*  
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Wm. Patrick Nichols  
President and CEO

enclosure: board member list

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wheat "  
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*2-24 copy to Dave*

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