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Midwest Republicans to Introduce New Wheat-Feed Grain Bill

Congressman Albert H. Quie (R-Minn), today announced that comprehensive new wheat and feed grain legislation will be introduced in the House of Representatives tomorrow by a number of midwestern Republican Members.

The bill to be introduced was prepared by Representatives Quie, Bob Dole of Kansas, and Don Short of North Dakota. These three Congressmen have been working on an alternative wheat-feed grain program during this Session of Congress.

All three are members of the House Committee on Agriculture. Mr. Quie is the senior GOP member of the Feed Grains Subcommittee; Mr. Dole, who represents the largest wheat district in America, is a member of the Wheat Subcommittee; and Mr. Short is a member of both these Subcommittees.

"The encouraging outcome of the Wheat Referendum yesterday substantiates my faith in the sound judgment of the farmers of this country. I am going to do my part to prevent disaster from coming to the farm economy. This new bill will make wheat a part of the present voluntary feed grains program," Mr. Quie said.

Mr. Quie pointed out that the new bill drops the undesirable aspects of the 1964 feed grains plan and maintains these four basic features:

1. Payment-in-kind;
2. Land diversion and soil conservation;
3. The voluntary nature of the program, and
4. Price support based on compliance with the program.

"Now that wheat farmers have expressed themselves, it is the responsibility of all Members of Congress interested in agriculture to buckle down and work for a constructive wheat program," Mr. Dole said.

"The result of the Wheat Referendum clearly shows that wheat farmers do not support the compulsory and mandatory control plans advocated by this Administration for agriculture, and that Congress now has the grave responsibility of enacting sound and constructive legislation for the 1964 crops," Mr. Short said.