

Statement of Congressman Bob Dole

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The remarks of President Johnson were apparently prepared and delivered as a campaign document. I whole-
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heartedly support those statements/which call for economy in government, but frankly and realistically, I wonder how the President hopes to economize when he asks Congress to continue every program of his predecessor, and in addition suggests additional programs, all calling for additional expenditures by the Federal Government.

It is significant that the American farmer was not mentioned and that the 40-minute message did not contain a single reference to either wheat legislation or to the possibilities of curtailing excessive and harmful beef imports. It is obvious the Johnson message was drafted with the November elections in mind, for his repeated reference to poverty stricken Americans was followed by repeated inferences that expanded and additional Federal programs could solve everyone's needs at little or no expense to the American taxpayer.

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