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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) said there is no present indication when the House Agriculture Committee will commence hearings on a multiple price certificate plan introduced by the Wheat Subcommittee Chairman, Graham Purcell, late Tuesday.

The Wheat Subcommittee by an 8 to 5 vote instructed Purcell to introduce a certificate wheat plan and send it to the full Agriculture Committee without recommendation, but Dole said, "The procedure used was unnecessary and, certainly questionable and lacked the enthusiastic support of some of the Subcommittee members who nevertheless joined in sending it to full committee." If 13 Subcommittee members can't agree on wheat legislation, I don't see why the buck should be passed to 35 member of the full Agriculture Committee. ~~Esasbsesbelsseveswheestsfszmsessshoeldshavoesansopp~~ In my opinion, Wheat Subcommittee should continue hearing so an agreement can be reached soon if possible. I also believe wheat farmers should have an opportunity to examine the new bill before drawing conclusions either way.

Dole explained further many people have assumed from recent news reports a "certificate wheat plan" had been approved by the House Agriculture Committee. "This is not so," Dole said. "The Subcommittee only considered a legislative draft prepared by the Department of Agriculture ...we haven't even seen the bill, all we had before us was a mimeographed copy, and Department witnesses were not even certain what position Secretary Freeman would take on the measure."