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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) stated today that federal pay raise legislation, particularly for Members of Congress, The President's Cabinet and Supreme Court Justices, and other high paid executive branch officials who will receive from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year increases under proposed legislation should be delayed until economies in government have actually been effected. The pay raise measure if enacted in its present form could cost over \$545 million and can hardly be called an "attack on poverty", Dole added.

I support the principle adopted by the Congress last year that salaries of postal and other rank-and-file Federal employees should be comparable to private industry salaries for the same levels of work. No Federal employee should be forced to endure economic privation for himself or his family simply because he has chosen a career of service to his Government. Nevertheless, certain of the provisions are excessive, ill timed, and unnecessary.

"Less than 2 weeks ago President Lyndon Johnson, and others, both (Democrats and Republicans), hailed the tax cut as a potential stimulant to our economy. Some voted for the tax reduction measure while carefully cautioning the public that it could prove inflationary. Many who voted "aye" are the same Congressmen who vote for nearly every spending measure that comes along and now actually support Congressional pay raises or are hopeful the pay raise legislation measure will slip through quietly and unnoticed by taxpayers.

Consideration of pay raise legislation at the very time the Administration is pushing wheat legislation which will provide only about 70 percent of parity, is an insult to American wheat producers, and those engaged in the livestock industry, who were dealt a body blow when the Administration steamrolled efforts by Senator Roman Hruska of Nebraska to limit foreign beef imports in the Senate last Thursday.

The American people have been told of the great sacrifices which should be required of all our citizens in connection with maintaining a sound economy. Particularly in connection with increases in the salaries of Members of Congress, Court officials and other high paid executive branch appointees, restraint has been thrown to the winds and sacrifices required apparently relate only to present and future taxpayers.