Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) stated he could not predict the course the Senate passed Wheat-Cotton bill would follow in the House. Administration forces will probably attempt to by-pass the House Committee on Agriculture and send the Senate passed bill directly to the President without ever giving the Agriculture Committee or the House of Representatives an opportunity to consider it or to offer amendments or otherwise improve or reject the measure. This would in effect reduce the Congress to a Unicameral legislative body, set a bad precedent and make a mockery of normal legislative processes.

The push is on to get Secretary Freeman "off the hook" before April 15 the date he would be required to proclaim marketing quotas and set the date for another Referendum. It is significant that Senator Anderson (former Secretary of Agriculture) both the Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Senator Ellender and the ranking Republican, Senator Aiken voted against the Cotton-Wheat package, only 5 Republican Senators voted for it and many mention many who supported the measure did so with apologies.

If normal procedures are followed I shall offer numerous amendments to strengthen income and to make the wheat program a truly voluntary one under the law as passed by the Senate, farmers would face another referendum in the spring of 1965. Dole cautioned farmers not to be misled by statements the Purcell-McGovern bill is a $2.00 wheat measure as some farm leaders proclaim. As a matter of fact the bill would return to the farmer only about 70 percent of parity, the lowest in more than a decade. Those who profess to speak for the farmer have a responsibility to discuss specifics of the bill rather than vague generalities. The answer that the pending "bill is better than nothing" is certainly not encouraging when farmers are told facts.

Remember too the Senate measure contains a fantastic Cotton bill which proposes to provide multi-million dollar subsidies to large textile mills not cotton farmers. The cost of the program would be at least $200 million more per year than the present program.

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