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The House Committee on Agriculture today reported an extension of the Sugar Act. Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans) offered two amendments, both of which were defeated.

One amendment offered by Congressman Bob Dole would have given countries who have U. S. sugar quotas a preference in participating in additional quotas resulting from foreign and domestic deficits. The amendment provided that those countries who agree to purchase U. S. agricultural commodities for dollars would be given preference. Dole stated, "Adoption of this amendment could have increased dollar sales of surplus agricultural commodities \$40 million per year or a total of \$200 million since the Sugar Act is a five-year program." The vote on this amendment was 16 to 14. After the defeat of the Dole amendment, a "watered-down" amendment was adopted.

The second amendment offered by Congressman Dole was defeated by a vote of 21 to 12. The effect of this amendment would have been to suspend purchase of sugar from any country who was selling, furnishing, or shipping strategic materials to communist North Viet Nam. "The Committee Chairman, Harold Cooley, indicated before the vote that language in the bill was broad enough to cover the specific problem the amendment I offered would have dealt with," Dole stated.

There was not much enthusiasm in support of the bill among domestic sugar beet producers, but an agreement had been reached by the domestic sugar beet industry and the domestic sugar cane industry not to oppose the bill. "I hope to be able to offer the 'preference' amendment when the Sugar Bill reaches the House floor and also to discuss the 'Viet Nam' amendment to make it clear to the State Department and the United States Department of Agriculture that Congress does not intend to give anyone a portion of the U. S. sugar market who is aiding or abetting communist North Viet Nam," Dole stated. It is possible the bill will be acted upon by the House of Representatives late next week.