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Congressman Bob Dole and other members of the Republican Task Force on Agriculture introduced legislation today in the House of Representatives calling on the Administration to immediately stop its discriminatory activities against American farmers and ranchers, and instead, employ every facility within its power to advance the best economic interests of American agriculture.

"The Administration has been using the farmer as a whipping boy for its own inflationary policies," Dole said. "While the Secretary of Agriculture has been depressing grain and livestock prices by dumping government-owned commodities on the market, and expressing pleasure as prices drop, the Administration's domestic fiscal policies have been pushing farm production costs to record heights.

Dole said, "The resolution introduced can and should be supported by every Member of Congress. Farm prices are now at 80% parity, and the farmer is earning only about 60% as much as his city cousin. The Administration's wide-spread attack on American agriculture, if not stopped at once, will seriously endanger this country's future food supply.