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## CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE SPEAKS ABOUT LEGISLATION

Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans), speaking to a group of Kansas Farm Bureau leaders and businessmen in Great Bend today, stated, "The 90th Congress will be a new ball game." Dole said he felt gains made by the Republicans in Congress on November 6 would benefit all Americans -- regardless of Party. Dole was invited to the meeting to give Farm Bureau leaders his views on prospects for agriculture legislation in 1967 and 1968.

He indicated that one matter certain to be considered by the House Committee on Agriculture will be the Supplemental REA Financing Bill. "This is highly controversial legislation," Dole stated, "but there is an even chance legislation can be agreed upon which will assist REA's without infringing upon the rights of investor-owned utilities."

The Committee on Agriculture, and Congress, will also consider extension of the Food Stamp Program. This program was enacted in 1964 as a program to remove surpluses and to upgrade the nutritional level of certain low-income people. The Food Stamp Program will expire on June 30, 1967, unless extended.

An explosive controversy will center around the Small Watershed Program, first enacted in 1954. Dole stated, "Last year the Administration came up with a ridiculous opinion that the 12-year old statute was unconstitutional because it called for Congressional determination of individual projects. Our Committee refused to yield, and the White House finally relented and sent some 70 projects to the Committee on Agriculture, 50 of which were approved prior to the adjournment of Congress. Those not approved prior to adjournment included two from Kansas: Lower Wakarusa and Spillman Creek.

Congressman Dole indicated the possibility of some legislation dealing with futures trading, and the possibility of an intensive review of the operation and administration of the Food For Peace Program. "In view of the fact that major farm commodity programs run through 1969, it seems highly unlikely any substantial changes will be made during the next two years. This means that except for modifications or adjustments, wheat, feed grains, cotton, wool, and cropland adjustment programs are going to remain pretty much as they have been for the last couple of years," Dole concluded.

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