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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas), speaking at the National Independent Meat Packers Association's 26th Annual Meeting in Chicago on Friday, May 12, indicated the high rate of meat imports is having an adverse effect on the nation's agricultural economy.

In discussing agricultural legislation pending in the 90th Congress, Dole expressed concern over increasing meat imports which reached 893 million pounds in 1966, the third highest year on record. "1967 is likely to see an additional increase, but still not sufficient to trigger meat import quotas now in effect," he said. The Kansas House member and others are sponsors of legislation to effect quotas when imports reach a base of 585 million pounds rather than the 995 million pound base now in effect for 1967.

Congressman Dole told the convention there is a trend toward fewer slaughtered cattle purchased at terminal markets. "There is a growing need for the bonding of packers to protect cattlemen from losses sometimes incurred when small plants fail and go out of business. Bonding would be a protection for the cattle producers, as well as to packers who could attract more shippers with this added protection."

As the principal issues before the 90th Congress in the area of agriculture, Dole listed: 1. Food grains to India -- already passed and signed into law; 2. Extension of the Food Stamp Plan -- passed by the House Agriculture Committee and due for House Floor consideration; 3. Supplemental Financing for REA on which executive committee sessions are in progress; 4. Amendments to P.L. 566, The Small Watersheds Act, on which no action has been taken.

"Interest is high in the Congress to reduce the flow of meat imports," Dole concluded. "A reduction in import quotas would tend to strengthen farm prices that have dwindled to a new low. The falling prices are a serious threat to food abundance for domestic use and shipment abroad."