

BOB DOLE

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1ST DISTRICT, KANSAS

BARTON	HODGEMAN
CHEYENNE	JEWELL
CLARK	KEARNY
CLOUD	KIOWA
DECATUR	LANE
EDWARDS	LINCOLN
ELLIS	LOGAN
ELLSWORTH	MEADE
FINNEY	MITCHELL
FORD	MORTON
GOVE	NESS
GRAMHAM	NORTON
GRANT	OSBORNE
GRAY	OTTAWA
GREELEY	PAWNEE
HAMILTON	PHILLIPS
HASKELL	PRATT

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AREA CODE 202
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COMMITTEES:
AGRICULTURE
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

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GREAT BEND, KANSAS 67530
AREA CODE 316
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CONGRESSMAN DOLE REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON FOR RELEASE: WEEK OF JULY 3, 1967

ADVANCE PAYMENT ON WHEAT CERTIFICATES

On July 10, I will appear before the House Agriculture Committee in support of my bill, H. R. 6437 to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to permit advance payments for wheat producers participating in the current wheat program. The bill would permit payment of up to 50% of the payments represented by domestic marketing certificates to participating producers in advance of determination of performance.

These advance payments would assist the farmer in financing his investment in both fall and spring planted crops. He has a considerable investment in seed, fertilizer, as well as the cost of seed bed preparation and operating costs in planting the crop. Many wheat producers now must secure high interest loans to finance their spring planting operations.

GOVERNMENT OIL IMPORT POLICY PROTESTED

As a result of the Administration's refusal to acknowledge protests lodged by independent producers in Kansas and elsewhere against U. S. oil import policies, exploration and development of new domestic reserves has declined alarmingly, particularly in the past five to ten years. The 1st District, where 45 of the 52 counties produce oil or natural gas, has experienced a sharp decline in exploration, development and drilling for oil. Many Kansans have expressed concern that the oil industry remain the strong, aggressive, and progressive industry that it should be. In introducing recently H. R. 10689, it is my purpose to have limitations placed on oil imports and to protect this important element in the Kansas economy from further damage.

KANSAS WHEAT MONTH

July is being designated as Wheat Month ~~for~~ ⁱⁿ Kansas. In remarks on the occasion in the House on June 29, I stated the benefits I believe can accrue therefrom: (1) Focus added attention on Kansas as the nation's Number 1 wheat-producing state, (2) Give Kansas an opportunity to learn more of the significance of the wheat industry, and (3) Promote the sale of wheat products to meet domestic and world food needs.

The importance of wheat to the Kansas economy can never be overemphasized. For the past ten years, the State of Kansas has produced an average of more than 200 million bushels of wheat per year. What the future will bring in terms of income to individual Kansas wheat producers, and those of the nation remains to be seen. However, wheat producers will continue record production levels only if they get adequate compensation for the labor and management they contribute to their farming enterprise.