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The House Committee on Agriculture, by a vote of 22-7, today passed a bill introduced by Congressman Bob Dole, H. R. 6437, which would permit advanced payment of up to one-half the value of wheat marketing certificates to wheat producers participating in the wheat certificate program. The Dole bill was introduced March 1, 1967, and hearings were held on July 11.

"Today's action means that the bill will now go to the House Floor for action, hopefully," Dole said, "before Congress adjourns this year."

Dole stated, "Enactment of this legislation will not require additional federal expenditures, but simply provides that the farmer will receive one-half of his certificate money at signup time rather than all of it after the wheat has been harvested. In many instances, this means the farmer will be able to finance his investment in both spring and fall-planted crops without the necessity of borrowing money and paying interest thereon."