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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

The following statement I made in the House of Representatives concerning legislation which I consider necessary for the continued effective operation of Federal Land Banks and the Banks for Cooperatives may be of interest.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE  
IN THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
NOVEMBER 2, 1967

Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation essential to the continued effective operations of the Federal Land Banks and the Banks for Cooperatives. I do not need to remind the Congress of the great service to our nation performed by these institutions of the Farm Credit Administration.

The Federal Land Banks and the Banks for Cooperatives had outstanding \$10.4 billion in loans to farmers and their cooperatives at the end of fiscal 1967. Thus, the very scope of the operations of these Banks is indicative of their effectiveness and service to the agribusiness community.

Enactment of this legislation at the earliest possible date is indeed necessary for the continued effective operation of these institutions. It will allow them to continue to operate in the black, as has always been the intention of Congress.

My bill would remove the present six-percent interest rate limitations on loans made by the Federal Land Banks and the Banks for Cooperatives, and permit interest rates on such loans and on loans made by the production credit associations to be determined as provided in such acts of Congress to cover the cost of loan funds and other expenses and reserves so that the lending may continue on a self-sustaining basis.

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I deplore the increase in interest rates on the securities market generally, and the increase in interest rates reflected in loans made to farmers and cooperatives during this tight money period.

I recognize, however, that money at higher interest rates is better than none at all. The possibility exists, unless this legislation is enacted, of an inability on the part of the Banks to provide credit to their members.

I need not remind you of the non-profit aspect of the banks. If more interest is collected than necessary to keep the operations of a bank or an association on a sound basis, such excess is returnable to the borrowers as dividends on the capital stock they are required to own, or as patronage refunds.

Therefore, the purpose of this legislation is to ensure the continued service to the farmers, the Federal Land Banks, and the Banks for Cooperatives. They will continue to operate on a non-profit basis, controlled by elected members and subject to the closest scrutiny.

I urge speedy consideration and adoption of this legislation during this session of the Congress. Let me add the bill I am introducing is identical to the one introduced earlier this year by the Chairman of our Committee, Congressman Poage of Texas.