

BOB DOLE
1ST DISTRICT, KANSAS

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AREA CODE 202
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Congress of the United States
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Washington, D.C. 20515

COUNTIES:

BARTON	HODGEMAN	RAWLINS
CHEYENNE	JEWELL	REPUBLIC
CLARK	KEARNY	ROOKS
CLOUD	KIOWA	RUSH
DECATUR	LANE	RUSSELL
EDWARDS	LINCOLN	SALINE
ELLIS	LOGAN	SCOTT
ELLSWORTH	MEADE	SEWARD
FINNEY	MITCHELL	SHERIDAN
FORD	MORTON	SHERMAN
GOVE	NESS	SMITH
GRAHAM	NORTON	STAFFORD
GRANT	OSBORNE	STANTON
GRAY	OTTAWA	STEVENS
GREELEY	PAWNEE	THOMAS
HAMILTON	PHILLIPS	TREGO
HASKELL	PRATT	WALLACE
		WICHITA

CONGRESSMAN DOLE REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON FOR RELEASE: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 1967

LATEST USDA FIGURES ON FARM NUMBERS, INCOME ISSUED

Department of Agriculture economists have issued their latest documentation of declining farm numbers across the nation. The figures show that there were 4,097,000 farms in the United States in 1959. At the end of 1966, this number had declined to 3,252,000 -- a loss of slightly more than 20% in just seven years.

The trend toward larger farms, of course, continued as the number of farms with annual sales of over \$20,000 per year showed a sizable increase during the last few years.

The very small farms, with yearly receipts of less than \$2,500 got only 7% of the total farm income from the nation, yet they made up 43.4 percent of all farms.

The result of these figures, in terms of people instead of dollars, has been a dwindling population in the rural areas, a steady procession toward the metropolitan centers of untrained, unhappy would-be-workers looking for jobs that do not exist for persons with their backgrounds and experience. The depopulation of many rural areas, accelerated so much during the past seven years, represents more than anything else, human tragedy and dislocation. There is no such thing as a smooth transition from generations on the farm, to economic depression, to dislocation into an urban area.

AIR QUALITY ACT PASSED

By its unanimous passage of the Air Quality Act of 1967 last week, the House took a firm stand for paving the way toward solving the problems of air pollution in the United States.

The act calls for a joint State-Federal effort that will, hopefully, control emissions of poisonous pollutants into the atmosphere. Certainly without this action, the health of the people in most cities and industrial areas would have been jeopardized in just a few years.