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WICHITA, KANS., Jan. 6 -- Congressman Bob Dole said today four domestic issues -- taxes, safeguarding the dollar, crime and farm prices -- will dominate the Second Session of the 90th Congress which opens January 15.

The Congressman spoke at the annual sales meeting of the Great Plains Life Insurance Company here.

On protecting the dollar, Dole said, "We are faced with a first-rate crisis of confidence in our dollar throughout the world."

Turning to President Johnson's proposed tax increase, Dole said, "It won't do much good to raise taxes just to enlarge 'Great Society' programs rather than reduce the deficit."

In 1967, the Congressman said, the national debt reached \$340.8 billion -- up \$14 billion in the last year.

On increased crime, Dole said, "The criminal is being favored at the expense of the law-abiding citizen."

"We must adopt a hard line toward the lawless," he added. "We must do away with the belief that society has failed them and consider that perhaps they have failed society."

To legislators from rural areas, Dole said farm prices will be important in 1968.

"It is a paradox of enormous irony," Dole said. "We ask the farmer to take the lead in feeding the world, and then we crush him in the cost-price squeeze."

Dole pointed out net farm income dropped \$1.5 billion in 1967, while production costs increased \$1.1 billion.

"Agriculture must be encouraged, not discouraged," Dole added. "America and the world need the farmers who are being driven from the farm and into the crowded cities."

Dole noted other important domestic issues in the upcoming session of Congress include the poverty program, Congressional reorganization and ethics, and civil rights.