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WASHINGTON, D.C., Tuesday, July 30 -- Congressman Bob Dole, in the final stretch of his campaign for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate, hurried back to Washington late Monday to be present today for House discussion on the extension of the farm bill.

Dole, a member of the House Agriculture Committee for eight years, voted late today for the rule allowing House consideration of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965.

The Congressman, in a major statement in the House, told his colleagues that "one-year extension of the Act is needed by farmers planning their planting and production."

In outlining his support of the extension, Dole deplored low farm prices and the farmers' cost-price squeeze.

To raise farm income, the First District Congressman listed four administrative actions Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman could take without additional legislation:

Dole's recommendations include:

- 1) requiring the Commodity Credit Corporation to allow no resales at less than 125 percent of the loan rate;
- 2) requiring the CCC to increase loan rates to 100 percent of parity on feed grains and wheat;
- 3) requiring the CCC to absorb storage costs on wheat and feed grains as done on cotton, peanuts and rice;
- 4) requiring aggressive sale of commodities under P.L. 480, where cutbacks have hurt export in recent years.

Calling for "immediate implementation" of the 4 proposals, Dole noted he has transmitted several urgent requests for action to the Secretary, personally and by letter.

"If the Secretary refuses to follow these basic suggestions to raise farm prices, we can only hope for an Administration elected this fall more sympathetic to farm needs," he added.

"Our responsibility today," Dole said, "is to pass this legislation extending farm programs essential to individual farm planning!"

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 30, 1968.....Congressman Bob Dole, in the final stretch of his campaign for the Republican Nomination for U. S. Senator, hurried back to Washington ~~yesterday~~ to be on the Floor of the House ^{today} when the important farm legislation extension bill was considered.

Dole, a member of the House Agriculture Committee for eight years, in a major statement before the House today told his colleagues that "A one-year extension of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965 is needed by farmers for planning their planting and production."

Dole urged passage of the legislation as reported by his committee. "Wheat farmers", Dole observed, "especially need the one-year extension, because plans for 1970 must be made in the early Summer of 1969."

After outlining his support of the extension, Dole went on to deplore low farm prices, and the farmer's cost-price squeeze. The First District Congressman listed four administrative actions the Secretary of Agriculture could take, without additional legislation, to raise farm income. Dole's recommendations include:

First, Require the Commodity Credit Corporation to allow no resales at less than 125% of the loan rate.

Second, Require the CCC to increase loan rates to 100% of parity on feed grains and wheat.

Third, Require the CCC to absorb storage costs on wheat and feed grains, as it already does on cotton, peanuts and rice.

Fourth, require aggressive sale of commodities under Public Law 480, where cutbacks have hurt export in recent years.

Dole called for immediate implementation of his four proposals, and stated he had transmitted urgent requests for action on different occasions to the Secretary of Agriculture, personally and by letter.

"If Secretary of Agriculture Freeman refuses to follow these basic suggestions to raise farm prices, we can only hope for an Administration elected this fall more sympathetic to farm needs."

"Our responsibility today", Dole said, "is to pass this legislation before the House to extend farm programs essential to individual farm planning."

Dole cast his vote late Tuesday afternoon for the Rule allowing House consideration of the Farm Bill.