

FROM THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE

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WASHINGTON, D.C., Sep. 26, 1968.....Congressman Bob Dole today said House passage of the Food Stamp bill yesterday "is another indication that Congress only talks about economy and budget cutting".

Dole, who voted for the Food Stamp bill when it passed the House Agriculture Committee, said "When it passed the Committee, the proposal authorized \$245 million for Fiscal Year 1969, but when the House passed it yesterday this figure had jumped to \$315 million, an increase of \$70 million".

In a statement issued in his Congressional office, Dole said, "In addition, the House authorized \$510 million for Fiscal 1970 and one-half of Fiscal Year 1971, exceeding the President's request by nearly \$600 million at the very time Congress and the Administration agonizes over reducing spending."

"In my opinion, the bill contained another major flaw in that it provides food stamps to students and strikers."

"When we consider this program was designed and sold to the Congress as a program to help provide adequate diets for millions of Americans", Dole said, "we deprive those in need of necessary food if the program is made available to students and those voluntarily on strike."

Noting over \$300,000 in stamps was given to Michigan and Ohio strikers alone, Dole said, "The government was put in a position of directly subsidizing strikes to the detriment of both workers and management".