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WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 10 -- Congressman Bob Dole, a ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee, today urged President Johnson to sign H.R. 17126, a one-year extension of the 1965 Food and Agriculture Act.

In a telegram to the President, Dole said, "An extension is necessary to give the new Congress adequate time to devise a new program or to revise the existing act to improve farm income."

In a statement issued from his office, Dole added, "There have been some rumors throughout the Capitol that the President plans to veto the bill."

"If the bill is not signed into law and if Congress is adjourned by midnight Friday, this amounts to a 'pocket veto' on the bill," he added.

Dole noted if the President does not sign the measure and Congress remains in session after midnight Friday, the bill becomes law without the President's signature.

"Only by signing the proposal before midnight Friday can the President indicate, in a positive way, concern about the plight of the American farmer and a willingness to do something about it," he added.