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WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 14, 1970 -- Despite efforts by Senator Bob Dole, the Senate adjourned today without taking final action on the Agricultural Act of 1970. Dole did obtain assurances from Senate Majority Leader, Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) that the Farm Bill Conference Report would be acted upon on November 16.

Dole said, "There is no excuse for the Senate not acting before the Congressional recess, and it is safe to assume that politics was a major part in the decision not to act until after the election. Some Democrat Senators running for re-election do not want to vote for or against the bill at this time. In the meantime, the farmers, particularly winter wheat producers, suffer the consequences.

The Democrat leaders in the Senate refused to act, despite the pleas of a number of farm state Senators and the urging of Secretary Hardin and President Nixon. It is unfortunate that politics would block final consideration of the bill, particularly in view of the fact that for over 20 months Democrats and Republicans have been working together in an effort to reach a compromise on farm legislation."