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ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 1 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) told a group of feed manufacturers today that there is no room for party politics in farm legislation.

Dole, Republican National Committee Chairman, spoke to convention delegates of the Midwest Feed Manufacturers Association Annual meeting held in St. Louis.

A member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry and former member of the House Committee on Agriculture, Dole said that the nation cannot afford "to allow party lines to divide agricultural issues. There are fewer than 50 members of the 435 in the House of Representatives who represent districts with substantial farm constituencies. Democrats and Republicans alike have lost rural representation in Congress."

The Kansas lawmaker said that some urban Democrats, and probably some Republicans, have been guilty of expressing disinterest in agricultural problems. Some, he continued, have even refused to serve on agriculture committees.

Dole stated, however, that "once again, agriculture interests are being protected not by one party, but by the bipartisan efforts of the agriculture committees."

The Republican chairman pledged that he would remain close to the needs of the farmer and agri-businessman: "As the Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin was given the charge by President Nixon to represent farmers, this chairman of the Republican National Committee will fight not only in the Senate but also in the political arena, along with the comparable efforts of Congressmen like Bob Poage and Herman Talmadge."