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U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said he appreciated the President's remarks today at noon concerning rural America, calling the message "pertinent to the development of rural America," however stressing that he believes the improvement of farm income is the primary need.

The Kansas Senator said, "My major concern for the American farmer at this time is to see an improvement in farm income as it would have a multiplier effect on our whole economy. I am convinced, however, that President Nixon and Secretary Butz will continue to take steps to improve farm income, along with their efforts to develop rural America, as the President outlined today."

Dole praised Nixon's call today to bring more control of rural development programs down to lower levels of government saying that the federal government frequently is too unwieldy to respond to the precise needs of the individual farmer.

Many of the proposals in the President's message are similar to those contained in S. 2800, the Rural Revitalization Act, introduced by Dole last year.