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MEAT IMPORT QUOTAS

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WASHINGTON, D.C., March 9, 1972 ---- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said today he regrets that meat import quotas had to be raised, but added that he is hopeful that the Secretary of Agriculture's action today "will avert any further consideration of price controls on agricultural products, or legislation that would repeal the meat import quota law, under which these voluntary agreements are made."

Secretary Butz announced today at 11 A.M. that the meat import quotas have been increased a little less than seven per cent of last year's agreements, to 1,240,000,000 pounds.

The Kansas Senator said he is hopeful that cattle prices will remain stable, pointing out that "even with this increase, imports represent less than five per cent of this nation's beef consumption."