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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole said today that he was confident that Congressional action on the 1973 Farm Bill would be completed soon, probably late Tuesday. Dole said that Congressional conferees, who had been working to iron out differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill, had agreed to a responsible compromise which should be acceptable to all interested parties.

"The final bill isn't perfect in all respects, but it is a good compromise. I believe it will be signed into law by the President," Dole added.

In a related action, Senator Dole today co-sponsored an amendment which would end the price freeze on beef and allow a pass-through for increases in the costs of producing and processing beef.

Dole said, "It is unfair and unwise to discriminate against the beef producing segment of our economy by forcing it to live under a freeze when its costs are not frozen and had risen dramatically."

"The only results will be reduced supplies for the consumer and great economic harm to beef producers and processors. Instead of restricting supplies, we should be following policies which will expand beef production. We must act without delay to bring beef supplies and production back to normal as soon as possible."

The amendment is due to come before the Senate for consideration on Thursday.