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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Commenting on today's signing of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 by President Nixon, Kansas Senator Bob Dole called the new law "an important acknowledgement of the government's responsibility to the nation's farmers. The bill is by no means perfect. However, it is a reasonable compromise considering the problems encountered in trying to get any farm legislation through a Congress which is becoming increasingly dominated by urban interest."

"The new law contains important provisions to protect the interests of farmers and consumers alike. We all enjoy the products of American agriculture. The innovative target price concept incorporated in the bill commits the government for the first time, to sharing the farmers' risks as well."

"The recent shortages of certain food products such as beef have made clear to all of us the necessity for a strong agricultural program protecting the farmer as well as the consumer."