



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE PROPOSES NEW COMPROMISE FOR GRAIN INSPECTION LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.--In letters today to all members of the Joint Conference Committee on H.R. 12572, the bill to amend the Grain Standards Act, Senator Bob Dole proposed a new compromise and urged that the Conference reconvene before the 4th of July recess.

"Grain reform is needed now," Dole told Committee members. "Wheat harvest is fully in progress in Kansas. I would like to see a compromise reached so that the movement of this grain from the local elevators through inland terminals to mills and on to ports for shipment overseas will have the protection that both bill provide." The Kansas Senator added, that while his proposal "may not be the answer, it may serve to stimulate some action."

Following is a summary comparison of the three major points of Conference difference:

### PORT FACILITIES

House bill provides for Federal inspection at all ports except the Secretary of Agriculture may delegate that authority to states if he deems them qualified.

Senate bill provides for Federal inspection and weighing at all ports.

Suggested compromise: Authorize Federal inspection at all ports, except that the Secretary of Agriculture may delegate that responsibility to those states that meet certain rigid criteria and that were actually performing grain inspection at their ports on June 25, 1976.

### INLAND TERMINALS

House bill provides for Federal inspection at all inland points when inspection by states or private agencies is not available.

Senate bill provides for Federal inspection and weighing at 25 major inland terminals and would authorize the Secretary to contract with states or private agencies at other points if they are qualified.

Suggested compromise: Authorize Federal inspection at all inland points, except that the Secretary of Agriculture may delegate inspection at 25 major inland terminals to states he determines as qualified. At all other points, the Secretary could delegate that authority to states or contract with private agencies if he determines that they are qualified.

### SEPARATE AGENCY

House bill has no provision for a separate agency.

Senate bill provides for a separate independent agency similar to REA, with a Level V Presidential appointee for a period of 10 years, confirmed by the Senate.

Suggested Compromise: Require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish an Agricultural Commodity Inspection Service equal to AMS headed by a GS-18 Administrator to be responsible for grain inspection and weighing. It would also call for a study by USDA to the feasibility of including all other agricultural commodities under the service.