



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE CALLS CONGRESS' ACTS BURDENSOME

Washington, D.C.-- Senator Bob Dole today told state presidents of the Future Farmers of America that many laws passed by Congress are burdensome to American farmers.

"A great deal of blame for harassment and meddling by the federal government has been placed on federal bureaucrats -- and properly so in some cases," Dole said, "but the original responsibility for burdensome programs lies with Congress and the ill-conceived, "big government" laws it has passed."

Dole pointed out that poorly written laws passed by Congress have lead recently to a Department of Labor attempt to require registration of custom combine crews and to an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) effort to require federal permits for farm ponds. The custom cutter registration program was ended when Congress adopted an amendment by Dole. The Kansas Republican said he would testify next week against requiring federal permits for farm ponds.

"These problems could have been avoided were the majority in Congress not so oriented toward trying to get big government in Washington to solve every minor problem there is," Dole stated.

Dole said that he opposes the all-federal takeover of the grain inspection system included in the Senate passed bill presently before a Joint Senate-House Conference Committee because it is likely to become another burdensome federal program for farmers. He said he had proposed a compromise to avoid unnecessary federal takeover, which he hopes the Conference Committee will adopt when it meets, again.