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DOLE URGES REPUBLICAN CONVENTION TO SUPPORT OPEN EXPORT POLICY FOR FARM COMMODITIES

Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas) Temporary Chairman of the Republican National Convention, today urged the Republican Platform Committee to "commit the Party to a policy which oppose embargoes -- formal or informal" on any farm commodity.

Dole, Ranking Republican on the Senate Agriculture Committee, said, "this commitment should be explicitly stated and made a part of the Export Administration Act so that farmers have the assurance that the same rules will govern farm exports when the crop is harvested as when it was planted."

Labeling export policy the "number one issue among farmers," Dole urged the Republican Party to spell out to the American public that "farm exports are good for the farmer, good for the worker, and good for the entire American economy."

Dole criticized the Democrat Party platform which calls for widespread use of grain embargoes to prevent foreign sales of American farm products.

"Campaign statements and press reports indicate that a Carter Administration would not rule out the possibility of export embargoes and with George Meany ever present at his side, it is almost certain that will happen," Dole said.