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DOLE SCHEDULES MEETING TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS IN IMPLEMENTING NEW GRAIN INSPECTION ACT

Senator Bob Dole today announced he has scheduled a meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 1977 to review problems in implementing the new U.S. Grain Standards Act of 1976. The meeting was scheduled after Senator Dole was advised of the problems facing the State of Kansas Grain Inspection Department as a result of this legislation.

Those attending the meeting will include concerned state and private grain inspection agency representatives, Mr. Donald E. Wilkinson, Director of the new Federal Grain Inspection Service within the Department of Agriculture, as well as representatives of the Agriculture Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Senator Dole said, "I am concerned about the problems facing the State of Kansas and other state and private inspection agencies as a result of the requirements of this Act and am hopeful that we can resolve or minimize these problems."

Dole said some of the problems in Kansas include a sizeable increase in charges for Federal supervisory grain inspection which must be borne by the State Inspection Department; obtaining the required approval of the State Legislature for increases in inspection fees in time to comply with Federal Grain Inspection Service requirements; determination of the necessary number of federal supervisory inspectors required to assure compliance with the new Act; and the threat of increased costs being passed on to farmers. "I do not want the Federal Grain Inspection Service to overreact and unjustifiably increase supervisory costs which may result in lower grain prices to farmers," Dole said.

The problem of grading differences between the point of origin and export points will also be discussed. Dole said that this problem has resulted in unjust discounts in the prices paid to farmers.

The meeting will be held in the Senate Agriculture Committee Room, 322 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T.