

NEWS RELEASE, FOR RELEASE FEBRUARY 16, 1961

FROM THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE, MEMBER OF CONGRESS, SIXTH DISTRICT, KANSAS,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Bob Dole, first term, 6th District Congressman, who was assigned to the Agriculture Committee by the Republican Committee on Committees on Thursday, February 9, announced today the full committee will have an organization meeting February 20. The Agriculture Committee with 35 members, 21 Democrats and 14 Republicans, is the 3rd largest House Committee. This committee assignment was the one Dole had listed as his first choice.

After being notified of his assignment, Dole stated many of his friends had earlier urged him to seek another committee assignment because the complexities of the farm problem and disagreement among some farm organizations would make the Agriculture Committee a "political graveyard". Dole indicated, however, that Agriculture is and will continue to be vastly important to the entire economy of Western Kansas and since the great majority of his constituents are interested, directly or indirectly, the assignment was welcomed and it presented an opportunity to really dig in to the many, many problems farmers are confronted with.

Dole stated, "I view the assignment as both a challenge and an opportunity and accept it knowing the problems are complex, pressures great and solutions difficult. Though not committed to any farm program or any organization's views, I realize farmers in Western Kansas cannot long survive by continually cutting their acres and their prices while the cost of everything they buy goes higher and higher.

The farm problems are serious and have been complicated by politics, disagreement among certain farm organizations, and many other factors, and my only hope is that my efforts, as a minority member of this important committee, will be of some benefit to the farmers and the economy of Western Kansas."