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

The House Agriculture Committee passed the controversial feed grain bill by a vote of 25 to 8. Bob Dole, 6th District Congressman, Kansas, voted for the bill in committee, as finally amended, reserving the right to raise further objections to Section 3 of the bill when it reaches the floor of the House.

Dole stated the bill certainly had objectionable features but when considering the entire measure it should increase farmers' income this year and at the same time reduce government cost and the surplus of corn.

Under the proposed law the price support for corn will probably be \$1.20 per bushel and the price support for grain sorghums is expected to be set somewhere between the current rate of \$1.52 and \$2.03 per hundred weight.

The most objectionable feature of the bill, Dole stated, was Section 3, which gives the Secretary of Agriculture the right to sell C.C.C. surplus corn or grain sorghums during the marketing year for the 1961 crop at not less than 17% below the 1961 support rate or approximately \$1.00 for corn and the rate to be announced for grain sorghums. This could lead to destruction or serious impairment of the free market resulting in lower prices to farmers. Dole stated he would support measures which would be introduced when the bill reaches the House Floor to eliminate Section 3 from the bill. If eliminated, Secretary of Agriculture Freeman, could not sell corn or grain sorghums at less than 105 percent of parity.