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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans)
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Congressman Bob Dole, Sixth District Kansas Republican, today presented a statement to the House Appropriations Committee supporting a soil moisture research center, and requested the Committee to give serious consideration to establishing it in western Kansas.

Dole said in view of the high evaporation rate of moisture from the soil in western Kansas, and the importance of moisture conservation to crop production it is only logical that the center should be located in the region where the conditions exist for which the research is intended.

He stated the laboratory has the support of local and state conservation organizations, and pointed out that the Kansas Legislature memorialized Congress this year to establish the laboratory in Kansas at an early date.

Dole also predicted following hearings of the House Agriculture Committee yesterday that the Administration would abandon any plans it may have had for enacting the wheat program advocated by the Kansas State Grange, the Kansas Farmers Union, The Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, The Farmers Cooperative Commission Company, and The Farmers Union Jobbing Association, for the 1962 wheat crop. He predicted because of the time element, the Administration will back the Cooley Bill or Albert Bill.

The Cooley Bill in essence provides support price for wheat at 90% of parity but requires producers to reduce acreage 25%.

Dole added, "Full committee hearings on the Administration 'Omnibus Bill' will continue through Friday."