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Congressman Bob Dole, Kansas Republican, failed by one vote yesterday in his effort to remove Section 314 of Title III in the Administration's Omnibus Bill.

Dole charged earlier this week that this section could conceivably wipe out independent farm machinery, equipment and farm supply dealers, if ever enacted. Under the section, Dole indicated the government could loan money, at low interest rates, to "local non-profit organizations" and "soil conservation districts" for the purchase of "farming equipment" to be rented to farmers.

Dole said, "There is no definition of "local non-profit organization" or limitation on what type "farming equipment" could be purchased for rental. Apparently any group, including non profit civic clubs, could qualify to borrow money for purchase of anything from tires to tractors and combines. By any interpretation this section authorizing loans of \$500,000,000 this year is another serious blow to our free enterprise system. In a few years the amount requested will, as in case of all federal requests, grow and grow, and what the Administration now calls a "pilot project" may open a "pandora's box" to more socialistic legislation of this type."

Congressman Dole offered a motion to strike Section 314 from Title III during an Executive Session of the House Agriculture Committee late Tuesday morning. The vote on the motion was 16 to 16. Fifteen Democrats and one Republican voted against while thirteen Republicans and three Democrats voted for the motion. "Not one single witness appeared in support of the section," Dole stated. He indicated he would renew efforts to have the section stricken if the Administration's "Omnibus Bill" reaches the floor of the House.