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Congressman Bob Dole, Kansas Republican, was partially successful in his efforts to remove Section 314 of Title III of the Administration's Omnibus Bill during an Executive Session of the House Committee on Agriculture yesterday.

Dole stated, "This Section, in my opinion, posed a serious threat to independent farm machinery, equipment and farm supply dealers, as it permitted Government loans of not more than \$500,000.00 in any one year to "local non-profit organizations" for the purchase of "farming equipment" which could then be rented to farmers. There was no definition of "non-profit organizations" or any limitation on what type of "farming equipment" could be purchased and conceivably even non-profit civic clubs could use Government money to purchase all types and kinds of farm equipment."

On June 7, Dole offered a motion to strike this Section from the bill but it failed on a 16 to 16 vote. Dole offered a similar motion again yesterday and following discussion, a compromise was reached eliminating "non-profit organizations" and limiting the application of the bill to "soil conservation districts".

Dole stated, "This represents a temporary victory for the implement, farm equipment, and supply dealers, and I will resist any effort to re-insert 'non-profit organizations' when the bill reaches the Floor of the House."