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From the Office of  
Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas)  
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Congressman Bob Dole, 6th District Kansas Republican, stated today that the Department of Agriculture had refused to permit substitution of winter barley planting on diverted grain sorghum acres under the 1962 Feed Grain Program by administrative order.

In answer to Dole's request of August 17, Under Secretary of Agriculture Charles Murphy stated that "it is permissible to fall-plant winter barley or any other small crop for erosion control on land intended for grain sorghum or corn for ~~next~~ harvest in 1962. However, any such barley plantings must be clipped, plowed under for green manure or otherwise not left in a harvestable condition past the specified date in 1962."

Dole stated he disagreed with the opinion of the Under Secretary and feels relief could be permitted easily and simply by Administrative order by virtue of existing provisions in the law, and the fact corn and grain sorghum are interchangeable.

Dole stated, "I have reason to believe the Department's ruling was motivated by politics. If legislation is required to correct a situation that could have been taken care of administratively, ~~in my opinion,~~ I will of course give it my full support. The interest of Western Kansas farmers is foremost and since the planting season is at hand this is a matter of the utmost urgency."