

6th District Republican Chairman Wally Steeples of Palco, Kansas, took issue with recent statements of Democrat Congressman, J. Floyd Breeding, that Republican Members of Congress were obstructionists and had abandoned the bi-partisan approach to farm problems. Steeples, a farmer, stated that the American farmer should be thankful the 14 Republican Congressmen on the House Committee of Agriculture and 5 Southern Conservative Democrats were successful in their efforts in killing the major portions of the farm bill requested by Orville Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture.

Steeple said, "If the Administration's Bill had passed in its original form, quotas on 255 Agricultural commodities, including livestock, would have been possible. As a farmer, I certainly hope Mr. Breeding's philosophy of more and more controls will never prevail, and that the Republicans and Conservative Democrats in Congress will move in the direction of more individual freedom in the future farm programs. I am just as concerned about the surplus of Bureaucrats in the United States Department of Agriculture as the surplus of farm commodities, and Freeman's program has done nothing but increase farm program costs, approximately \$1 billion, and added more than 10,000 employees to the United States Department of Agriculture payrolls, and this can hardly be called progress," Steeples concluded.