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In a Republican fund raising dinner in Grinnel, Kansas, Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) charged that Congressman J. Floyd Breeding (D-Kansas) "has made so many conflicting statements on the level of price support for feed wheat under the 1964 wheat program that he has finally succeeded in confusing himself completely on this question."

"Here are three statements made by Breeding on Sept. 20," Dole said, "the day the farm bill was passed by the House on a vote of 202 to 197."

1. "In a press release he stated: 'Even if corn should be supported at the minimum level of 80 cents a bushel, the price support for feed wheat would remain at this \$1.30 a bushel figure because the support price would be tied to the world price, and not to the feed grain market.'"
2. "On the floor of the House, during the debate on the Conference Farm Bill, he said feed wheat 'would be worth approximately \$1.30 per bushel if corn supports were \$1.20.'"
3. "A moment later he said, 'Wheat not accompanied by certificate would move in the market place at an average price of \$1.30 to \$1.40, depending upon the support price for corn.'"

"Now, let's see how the legislation itself says feed wheat prices shall be determined," Dole said. "It specified" 'If marketing quotas are in effect for wheat, price support for wheat not accompanied by marketing certificates shall be at such level as the Secretary determines appropriate, taking into consideration competitive world prices of wheat, the feeding value of wheat in relation to feed grains, and the level at which price support is made available for feed grains.'"

"The legislation further directs the Secretary of Agriculture to set corn price supports in 1964 between 50 and 90 per cent of parity, but at a level which 'will not result in increasing CCC stocks'. Thus, corn supports would have to be set at the low end of the scale to avert further acquisitions and 50 per cent of parity for corn is 80 cents per bushel.

"With corn at 80 cents, despite anything Breeding may say, feed wheat would be supported at 92 cents per bushel. USDA officials cited identical figures to the Senate-House Conferees.

"The projected farm program pulls the rug from under both corn and grain sorghum prices and from feed wheat prices as well, in 1964 and thereafter." Dole pointed out Congressman Breeding was the only Kansas House member voting for the administration bill and "despite all the press releases Mr. Breeding issues he should be aware there will be a day of reckoning, and a sad one at that, for the American farmer if the 1964 wheat and feed grain programs ever become effective. Certainly this is another prime reason why farmers of western Kansas should insist that Breeding meet me in face-to-face debate so that farm programs and other important issues can be publicly and objectively discussed."