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CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS)

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Cong. Bob Dole (R-Kansas) states his opponent in the First Kansas Congressional District race, J. Floyd Breeding, continues to do the "legislative twist." Dole cited Breeding's "yea" vote in the Agriculture Committee the morning of October 1 and his "nay" vote the same afternoon on the House floor on the very same legislation. "It was difficult to understand," Dole stated, "the attitude of Breeding since this legislation will permit anyone to plant up to 15 acres of wheat this marketing year. The legislation was hurriedly introduced last Wednesday one day before President Kennedy signed the Administration Farm Bill and though Breeding is chairman of the Wheat Subcommittee and parades as an expert on wheat legislation he was strangely silent on the floor of the House during debate on the bill and failed to raise his voice in opposition to this measure which will add millions of bushels to the surplus, increase storage costs, and perhaps even more important, very possibly result in a further acreage reduction for Kansas wheat farmers in 1964.

"Administration leaders have estimated some 300,000 to 350,000 (15 acre) wheat producers would be benefitted by the legislation and since it permits them to plant up to 15 acres there is good reason to believe as much as 50-million additional bushels of wheat will be produced next year. In my opinion, Breeding owes the wheat producers of western Kansas an explanation on why he voted for the 15-acre producer at 11:00 in the morning when it passed the House Agriculture Committee by a vote of 22 to 10, and against the same bill at 6:00 in the afternoon on the House floor. Secondly, why did Breeding fail to oppose the bill on the floor of the House? All he did was ask permission to place written material in the Congressional Record and proceedings will show he said nothing or did nothing to rally Democrats opposition. On final passage the bill passed by a vote of 225 and to 60, with only 3 Democrats voting against it, you can draw your own conclusions on the influence my opponent has.

"This is another example of how Mr. Breeding attempts to hood-wink the voters in Kansas by voting both ways on the same bill the same day, but in this instance his votes in committee and on the House floor are a matter of public record. It is amusing that Breeding during a 10-day absence from Congress for campaign purposes, made much noise of my protest to the shipment of Kansas wheat to California for storage and then a week later actively supports a windfall bill for the 15-acre producer in the Agriculture Committee which will not only add millions of bushels to the surplus but millions of dollars to storage costs."

"Secretary Freeman and Mr. Breeding may have a obligation to Governor Pat Brown of California to ship Kansas wheat there for storage but they have a more important responsibility to the farmers of Western Kansas to reveal it rather than to distort my statement in an effort to leave the erroneous impression I am opposed to exports and that I voted against Public Law 480 funds. They know better but apparently are more concerned with politics than the farmer's welfare. Perhaps Mr. Breeding can tell us how Governor Brown persuaded Freeman on February 20 of this year to stop all exports so that storage could be built up in California," Dole concluded.

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