



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

(R.—Kans.)

New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (202) 224-6521
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: JANET ANDERSON
FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1977

SENATE ACCEPTS DOLE AMENDMENT WHICH WILL SAVE \$9 to \$18 MILLION IN LOST GRAIN PRICES

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The Senate today accepted Senator Bob Dole's proposal to exempt country grain elevators with less than a 2.5 million bushel capacity from proposed Environmental Protection Agency regulations regarding grain dust. The regulations could have cost Kansas farmers \$9 to \$18 million in lost grain prices. The amendment to the Clean Air bill also directs the E.P.A. Administrator to study larger elevators and exempt those that do not present grain dust pollution threat.

Dole pointed out that the total cost of the regulations, because of capital investments needed to reduce grain dust emissions, has been established at 3 to 6¢ per bushel of grain. "A 3¢ per bushel increase would mean an annual cost of about \$250 million for the 8.25 billion bushels of grain moved from the farm to market. The cost for Kansas wheat, using the 3¢ per bushel figure, would be \$9 million. At the same time," Dole said, "the proposed regulations would affect less than a 4% reduction in grain dust emissions according to EPA's own estimates."

"The costs required by the regulations simply could not be afforded by the small operators. They would be passed back to farmers since the competitive market would prohibit passing it forward. Wheat farmers are already in a dire economic state because of depressed wheat prices and should not be burdened with these costly and ineffective regulations."

-30-