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DOLE: YOU CAN'T GO TO THE BANK WITH A VETO

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced a new compromise farm bill while scolding some fellow Senators for playing partisan games instead of working for an acceptable package that can be sent to the President.

"If you want to pass a budget-buster that the President will veto, that's fine. But my farmers in Kansas can't go to the bank with a veto. You might be able to make some great political speeches, but you're not going to serve any purpose or do any favor for the American farmer." Dole told his colleagues.

"I've had the opportunity to meet with a number of farm leaders - Democrats and Republicans - and I don't believe any of those leaders want a veto, they want a farm bill." He added.

The new compromise would retain a four year freeze on target prices and would contain new wheat, feed grain, cotton and rice provisions that would freeze the 1986 target prices at 1985 levels.

The Dole plan would also include a \$35-an-acre payment to soybean farmers who decide not to forfeit this year's crop to the government.

The latest compromise was offered in an attempt to get a farm bill before Congress' Christmas recess. "September and October are critical times for wheat producers and they are already gone. We don't want November, December and January to go by before we address this problem," said Sen. Dole.