

SMITH COUNTY FARMERS UNION
SMITH CENTER, KANSAS
MARCH 5, 1966
REMARKS OF CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE

I AM PLEASED TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ACT OF 1965 WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SMITH COUNTY FARMERS UNION, THEIR WIVES, AND FRIENDS. CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS IN KANSAS HAVE EXCEEDED A BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS. KANSAS STANDS FIRST IN THE NATION IN THE SALES OF WHEAT, THIRD IN SALES OF SORGHUM GRAIN, AND FOURTH IN SALES OF CATTLE AND CALVES.

GROSS FARM INCOME, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND THE VALUE OF HOME CONSUMPTION, HAS APPROXIMATED \$1.5 BILLION A YEAR FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS. KANSAS FARMERS NOW SPEND OVER \$1 BILLION EACH YEAR IN THE PRODUCTION OF THEIR CROPS AND LIVESTOCK. FARMING IS INDEED BIG BUSINESS IN KANSAS.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ACT OF 1965 IN MAINTAINING FARM INCOME IN KANSAS, CAN BEST BE UNDERSTOOD IF THE EARLIER FARM LEGISLATION IN THE POSTWAR YEARS IS REVIEWED BRIEFLY.

YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT DURING WORLD WAR II LEGISLATION WAS ADOPTED THAT PROVIDED FOR PRICE SUPPORTS FOR A FEW YEARS AFTER THE END OF THE WAR. THIS LEGISLATION WAS INTENDED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE EXPERIENCE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR I WOULD NOT BE REPEATED. WITHIN 12 MONTHS AFTER

Remainder of Speech like that of Feb. 18, 1966.