The proposed legislation embodied in H.R. 7246 is stopgap. It is not realistic. It is not constructive. It goes backward instead of forward. It is not in the interest of the wheat farmers of America.

The bill disregards the facts of modern agriculture. The history of acreage control programs in the case of wheat—reveals that they just do not control production. Under acreage controls in the 1954-58 period, acreage was reduced by over 25 percent but at the same time yield per acre was increased by about 30 percent. The same situation would be likely to happen in 1960 and 1961. The poorest acres would be retrenched from production and at the modern technology they would be poured onto the remainder.

Hence the bill would probably increase, and in any event would not substantially decrease the present excessively expensive wheat program now running at approximately $700 million a year.

In my January 29, 1959, special message on agriculture, I recommended that price supports be related to a percentage of the average market price during the immediately preceding years. In this message I also stated that if in spite of the tremendous increases in yield per acre the Congress still preferred to relate price support to existing standards then the Secretary should have discretion in establishing support levels in accordance with guidelines now in the law. Contrary to the recommendations I made, this bill prescribe for a sick patient another dose of what caused his illness. The proposed return to the discredited high, rigid price supports would hasten the complete collapse of the entire wheat program.

While the hour is late I feel that this Congress should take the unprecedented opportunity to adopt realistic wheat legislation beneficial to all segments of our economy.

Dwight D. Eisenhower


STRENGTHENING OF WHEAT MARKETING QUOTA AND PRICE-SUPPORT PROGRAM—VETO MESSAGE
(S. DOC. NO. 33)

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, which was read and ordered to lie on the table, and to be printed:

To the Senate:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, S. 1850, a bill "to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1949, as amended, and Public Law 74, 77th Congress, as amended."

This bill seeks to enact temporary wheat legislation. It would require wheat producers to reduce their acreage by 25 percent and at the same time would provide for increases in price supports on wheat to 90 percent of parity.

I believe the bill's merits far outweigh its merits, and accordingly I am returning it without my approval.

The Congress has a pressing responsibility to enact realistic legislation designed to meet the problems of our farmers—legislation such as that recommended in my special message of January 29, 1959.

Dwight D. Eisenhower


FLAG RAISING CEREMONIES AT JUNEAU, ALASKA, JULY 4, 1959

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar Nos. 422, Senate Resolution 139.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I yield to the Senator from Missouri to make a brief explanation of the resolution.

Mr. HENNINGS. Mr. President, this resolution was called to the attention of the Committee on Rules and Administration some weeks past. It relates to what many of us have heard and read about, and about which inquiries have been made of us concerning the staffs of the respective Senators and themselves.

In considering the matter, the Committee on Rules and Administration tried to reach what we thought was a proper conclusion. We did so after two meetings. We spent the greater part of the time in discussing what we thought would best meet the responsibility of the Senate to the people of the United States in a full and free disclosure of our own financial transactions, our payrolls, and all other information, about which some of us feel strongly.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Was this a unanimous report?

Mr. HENNINGS. Yes.

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Mr. HENNINGS. Yes.

Mr. ELLENDER. I do not read the resolution in that way. The meaning is not clear. The resolution should provide that under the name of each Senator...