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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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WASHINGTON, D C -- Rep Kika de la Garza on Tuesday introduced in the House of Representatives a bill to reinstate the U S sugar program that died at the end of 1974.

The legislation is a revamping of a former sugar act under which for many years the U S operated with a system of sugar imports and some minor domestic subsidies. All planting allocations are removed in Congressman de la Garza's bill.

"I regard this as a vehicle under which we can begin a return to a system that will insure stability in the world sugar market," the South Texas Congressman said. "Whatever changes may be made in the bill, unless action is taken to restore stability, our country may find itself up against the same kind of situation that we are now experiencing in oil. We could be placed at the mercy of the principal sugar producing countries."

The bill was referred to the House Committee on Agriculture of which Congressman de la Garza is the ranking member.

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