

New Federal Farm Bill Is To Be Drafted

Bi-Partisan Agreement Junks Most Proposals Of Secretary Brannan

WASHINGTON, July 28—(AP)—Farm-minded senators agreed Wednesday to try to draft a new federal farm program and push it through the present session of Congress.

Chairman Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) said the Senate agriculture committee directed a seven-man subcommittee headed by Senator Anderson (D-N.M.) to draft the new farm bill.

Both Democrats and Republicans on the committee agreed that the new proposal ignored most proposals of Secretary of Agriculture Brannan.

Instead, they reported general agreement upon this program:

1. Retention of relatively high level government price supports for the so-called basic commodities: corn, wheat, cotton, tobacco, rice and peanuts. Most senators were said to favor fixed supports at 90 percent of parity if farmers approve planting and marketing controls.

2. Use of a flexible price support program for meats, dairy products, fruits and other so-called non-basic and perishable farm products. Under this level of government supports could be raised or lowered in an attempt to control production.

Majority leader Lucas (D-Ill.), a member of the agriculture committee, told reporters outside the closed session that "we'll have some kind of farm legislation" acted upon at this session.

Aiken Law Favored
Senator Aiken (R-Vt.) is a member of the subcommittee that will draft the new proposal and also is sponsor of the so-called long-range flexible price-support act, approved by Congress last year to become effective at the beginning of next year.

Aiken said he will work with Anderson, former secretary of agriculture, in what Anderson called an attempt to make "the Aiken act more serviceable."

Anderson said the main points of disagreement among the Senate committee that must be worked out, are:

1. Whether the government price props under cotton, corn, and other so-called basic crops should be rigid at 90 percent of parity as under present law, or be flexible so they can be lowered if supplies become excessive.

2. Whether the present system of computing parity prices should be retained or a new one adopted. A parity price is one intended to give a farm product the same relative purchasing power it had in a past period.

A new parity formula, included as part of the 1948 act to become effective at the end of this year, would use a recent 10-year period in computing parity prices. The result would be to raise support levels slightly for meats, dairy products, eggs and poultry, and lower slightly the supports for grains.

Before the committee meeting Anderson said he had two proposals in draft form.

World Peace On Force Basis Plan Due In Senate

WASHINGTON, July 28—(AP)—Two differing proposals to underwrite world peace with force were drafted for submission to the Senate Tuesday. Chances are slight for consideration of either until after this session of Congress.

Each has the backing of a substantial bloc of senators. Senator Tobey (R-N.H.) with pledges of support from 13 others, led support for a resolution which would declare it American policy to transform the United Nations into a limited world federation with power to enforce peace.

Sixteen senators, headed by Senator Kefauver (D-Tenn.) backed a proposal to combine the signers of the new North Atlantic pact into an alliance of free states.

The Kefauver resolution asks the President to call a convention of the treaty nations. Kefauver said the idea is to "establish real cooperation among the Atlantic pact nations not only in military matters but in foreign policy, trade, currency and other matters."

A third proposal already is pending. Sponsored by Senator Sparkman (D-Ala.), it would seek to pass the veto power wielded so frequently by Soviet Russia, and set up an atomic arms security force to make the U. N. supreme.

Senator Magnuson (D-Wash.) noted that the resolution points to only limited sovereignty in the United Nations and "does not envision a world government with full powers."

Two new recruits boosted the list of sponsors to 18 by the time the Kefauver resolution was offered. They included Senator Cain (R-Wash.).

Oregon Beaver Boys On Way To National Forum

PORTLAND, July 28—(AP)—Ted C. De Merritt of Main and Ralph Thayer of Portland were en route to Washington, D. C., today to participate in a national boys' forum.

The 17-year-olds were leaders in the Oregon Beaver Boys' State programs. Thayer was governor of the American Legion-sponsored boys' state meeting at Corvallis and De Merritt was elected "outstanding citizen."

ECA Purchase Of Lumber, Fruits In Northwest Urged By Washington's Senator

WASHINGTON, July 28—(AP)—Senator Magnuson (D-Wash.) said Wednesday he will expect consideration in Economic Cooperation Administration purchases for lumber and fruits.

He opposed, in a Senate speech, an amendment to the ECA appropriation bill which would earmark funds for purchase of surplus agricultural products. He said it would freeze approximately \$1,000,000,000 of the appropriation.

In its justification to the appropriation committee to support

the request for money to purchase agricultural products, ECA submitted a list which, Senator Magnuson observed, included such "catchall" categories as "other foods," "other fibers" and "other agricultural products."

He said past experience assures that the products most likely to be surplus are wheat, corn, tobacco and cotton, and he added:

"In my judgment it will be very detrimental, not only to the ECA program but to all other

agricultural products, to give cotton, corn, tobacco and wheat the extremely preferential treatment implied in this amendment."

Northwest Merits Share

He said the administrator must be free to give attention to other American industries which have a historical reliance on export. He said these include lumber and fruit from the Pacific Northwest. Some varieties of apples and pears, he said, have been developed especially for export trade. "These industries," he said,

"are hard-hit by the world-wide dollar shortage. They justifiably look to ECA, not only for sympathetic treatment, but for positive action. To date they have been granted a sympathetic ear but little by way of positive results has been forthcoming."

The apple industry, he said, sold approximately 30 per cent of its crop before the war to countries participating now in the ECA program. He said the program for this year contemplates nearly \$9,400,000 for fruits other

than dried fruits and described that amount as "only a drop in the bucket" compared to pre-war exports.

"The administrator must have flexibility if he is to do the job the Congress and the country want him to do. I serve notice, however, that unless greater attention is paid by ECA representatives abroad to our domestic problems, I shall be among those supporting legislation requiring

them to do so."

Odd Fellows, Rebekahs Date 3rd Degree And Feed

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are having a potluck and watermelon feed Thursday evening, July 28, at 6:30 p.m. All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are invited. The men will put on the third degree after the feed. Full attendance is urged.

Farmers To Press Claims For Ditch Gap Damage

VALE, July 28—(AP)—Some 200 Malheur county farmers will present their final arguments to federal court here Aug. 19 on why they should be permitted to sue the government for a ditch break.

The farmers have asked permission to file claims totalling \$750,000 against the United States because a ditch on the Owyhee canal broke during the summer of 1946 and left farmer farms without irrigation water.

Federal Judge James A. Fen, Portland, will conduct final hearings here.



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