

House Group Votes To Erase Flexible Price Support Plan

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WASHINGTON (UP) — The House Agriculture Committee Tuesday jettisoned the administration's flexible farm price support program and restored rigid high supports for basic crops. It also voted to boost minimum price guarantees for dairy farmers.

opposition on the House floor. And there is little, if any, chance that it will be brought to a Senate vote this year.

The bill would restore mandatory price supports of 90 per cent of parity for 1955, 1956 and 1957 crops of wheat, corn, peanuts, rice and cotton.

National Referendum
It would give wheat farmers a choice of a new program. The bill would call for a national referendum of wheat growers to determine whether a new two-price plan should be used for bolstering their income, starting with the 1956 crop.

It also would boost the minimum price support for dairy farmers to 80 per cent of parity. Under present law, the secretary of agriculture has discretionary authority to fix dairy supports anywhere from 75 to 90 per cent of parity.

Committee Chairman Harold D. Cooley (D-N.C.) said boosting the minimum to 80 per cent would have little, if any, effect on consumer prices. Benson has set dairy props close to 80 per cent for the coming year.

Higher Dairy Supports
The amendment to boost dairy supports was sponsored by Rep. Thomas G. Abernethy (D-Miss.) after the committee rejected another plan advanced by Rep. August H. Andresen (R-Minn). Andresen's proposal would gradually have boosted dairy supports about six per cent above present levels, starting Aug. 1.

But the committee adopted two other Andresen amendments. One provided for continuance and expansion of federal subsidies to encourage consumption of milk by school children. The other would continue federal indemnities to farmers who slaughter cattle infected with brucellosis.

The two-price plan for wheat would add one-half cent or more to the cost of producing a loaf of bread. But it would eliminate costly subsidies the government now is paying on exports.

Wheat as Feed
The plan, sponsored by Rep. Clifford R. Hope of Kansas, senior Republican on the committee, would provide farmers with a high price guarantee for wheat consumed domestically as food, but would allow little, or no, government support on wheat exported or consumed as livestock feed.

Other congressional news:
Pay: The House Armed Services Committee voted a "career incentive" pay raise of 745 million dollars a year for servicemen. Officers with less than three years' service and enlisted men with less than two would not get a raise. The other two million would get boosts ranging from 6 to 25 per cent. The committee vote was unanimous. The House is expected to act on the bill Thursday.

Taxes: Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland predicted the Senate will reject "by a very substantial margin" any proposal to cut taxes next year.

Matusow: Publisher Albert E. Kahn told senators the left wing Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers Union financed a project to get turnaround witness Harvey Matusow to write a book saying he had given false testimony as a government witness against Reds. Matusow's assertion that he lied against Clinton E. Jencks, an official of the union, won a new trial for Jencks after he had been convicted of falsely denying he was a Communist.

New Day: The House Judiciary Committee approved a bill to designate May 1 "Loyalty Day." The special day would be this country's answer to the Communists' May Day celebrations.

Market: A Harvard economics professor recommended that the Federal Reserve Board gradually put stock market trading on an all-cash basis. He suggested that action as a means of slowing down "unhealthy" rises in security prices caused by speculation. He said a crash like 1929's "can happen again."

Suit Seeks \$30,000 For Loss of Hand
GRANTS PASS (UP) — A suit seeking \$30,000 damages for loss of a hand as a result of a deer hunting accident has been filed in circuit court here by Lloyd H. Edgerton, 40, of Murphy.

Theodore R. Garriston of Grants Pass was named in the suit. Edgerton said that a shot fired by Garriston last October 10 struck him in the left wrist. Amputation was necessary.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.
To develop message for Wednesday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES MAR. 22 - APR. 20	1 Money 21 To	41 Drop 62 Argument	LIBRA SEPT. 23 - OCT. 23
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4 Good 24 In	4 Good 24 In	65 With	2-7-16-20 25-33-35
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13 Play 33 Engaged	13 Play 33 Engaged	74 For	11-14-29-40 48-64-73
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900 Idled by Freight Strike

SALT LAKE CITY (UP) — A strike against Garret Freight Lines Tuesday had idled 900 employees in Utah, Idaho, California, Colorado, Oregon and Montana.
This includes 300 workers in Salt Lake City and 20 in Ogden.
Company spokesmen said the layoffs were forced from a lack of freight. No negotiation session had been scheduled to settle the dispute.
The walkout started after a stalemate in negotiations for an initial contract for 25 clerical workers at the freight lines' Salt Lake City terminal.

McKenzie Water District Ballot Still Uncertain

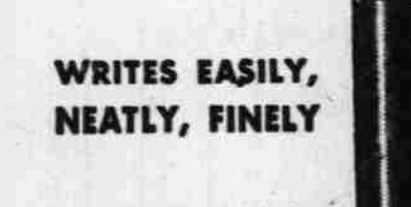
SPRINGFIELD, Ore. (UP) — Residents of the McKenzie water district, located just east of here, still didn't know Tuesday whether they would have \$15,000 worth of additions to their water system.
A vote on the bond issue was held Monday. It wound up in a tie, 100 to 100. The votes were counted three times.
Jay Hicks, superintendent of the water district, said he expected another election would be called.
The district includes about 15 square miles where about 5000 people live. Last Dec. 7 a \$50,000 bond issue which would have included the same additions plus a fire truck and a fire hall was defeated 232 to 146.

BOTTLE STARTS BLAZE

CONWAY, Ark. (AP) — R. T. Cole, a water distributor, says a bottle of water started a fire in his home causing damages estimated at \$75. He says the bottle acted as a magnifying lens for the sun.

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Japan Chicken Sexor Earns \$100 Per Day

By TERESA REESE
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CHICAGO (UP)—George Sugamo can't understand why more Americans don't become Kanbetsushis and earn 100 dollars a day.
Kanbetsushis is Japanese for chicken sexor, and Sugamo is president of the National Chick-Sexing Association.

Sugamo, who runs a school in connection with his business, explained Tuesday that chick sexing is a method of determining the sex of chickens shortly after birth.
The process was "invented" by a Japanese university professor about 30 years ago, he said, and so far the Japanese seem to have a corner on chick sexing.

The method was introduced in this country about 20 years ago by Japanese students of the professor and about three fourths of the estimated 2000 chick sexors in the United States are either Japanese or of Japanese extraction.
Can Save Farmer Money
"I can't figure it out unless it's because Japanese have smaller, softer hands and better eyesight than Caucasians," said Sugamo, who wears rimless glasses. "Or maybe it's because Japanese are more industrious at tedious tasks."

Sugamo said a sexor studies the anatomy of a chick before it is a day old to find out if it's a cockerel (male) or pullet (female).
"Knowing the sex of a chicken can save a farmer or hatchery owner a lot of money," he said. "because only females are money-makers."
"Before it was possible to spot a male or female chicken immediately, raisers had to spend money for feed, transportation, housing and labor for all their chickens for at least five weeks."
"Now, all the males except those used for breeding are destroyed right away and only the females are kept. By knowing the sex of a chick, a raiser can save \$1.00 on one bird in five weeks. That's a lot of money when you have large flocks."

Can Earn \$100-a-day
Sugamo was born in Los Angeles 39 years ago and became a sexor when he was 26. He doesn't know why it's spelled s-e-x-o-r instead of sexer, except "maybe it's like professor."
"A good sexor," he said, "can sex 1000 to 1200 chickens in an hour and charges one cent a chick. During the season (March through June) an expert can earn 100 dollars-a-day because he has contracts with a number of hatcheries."
Sugamo said he operates one of three chick sexing schools that he knows about in the United States. His students go to "classes" for five hours a day, six days a week from July 1st to the beginning of March.
They get their diploma if they can "sex" with 98 per cent accuracy, a figure that must be guaranteed by a professional sexor.

Sexors must refund the price the raiser paid for the chick if they make a mistake.

Memphis Men Wear 'Loud Duds'

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP) — Male employees of the Memphis Press-Scimitar Tuesday started something that could cause a new trend in business suits.
News Editor Luther Southworth instigated "Daring Duds Day" in which fellow workers broke out their red jackets, pink and blue shirts and made the ladies jealous.
"Most men have loud colored clothes at home they're too shy to wear," Southworth said. "So if we all wear them together it will be all right."

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State Named Defendant in Damage Claim
GRANTS PASS (UP) — A Highway 99 tourist facility operator has asked for \$67,000 damages from the State Highway Department for building a fence she says makes her property look like a "concentration camp."

Kathryn Moore made her claim in a suit filed Monday in the Josephine County Circuit Court. The property consists of a motel, gas station and restaurant along the highway at the edge of Wolf Creek.
The 6-foot wire fence was erected by the department in its efforts to make main highways limited access thoroughfares. It prevented potential customers from turning off the highway for service, the complaint states.
Construction of the 700-foot long fence last July, the complaint continues, was a willful and malicious act. Punitive damages of \$25,000 and actual damages of \$30,000 are sought. In addition the complaint asks for \$12,000 for loss of profits.
R. H. Baldock, highway engineer; Tom Edwards, district engineer, and members of the State Highway Commission are named defendants.

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