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Govt. Officials

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chairman of the committee dismissed the whole case with "In my opinion, Billie Sol Estes is a natural born thief", and his case will have absolutely no bearing on the vote in the senate

Senator Karl Mundt Republican from South Dakota thought otherwise as he said congress should not give increased discretionary power to a department that is already working under a law so complicated that it is misadministered

Mundt said "I don't believe men can regulate farm-

ing from Washington Farmers have too much imagination and ingenuity to make it work"

Chairman of the House Agriculture committee, representative Harold D Cooley, Democrat from North Carolina said he believes the influence of the case against the Texan would be slight on farm legislation "I do not believe any member of congress will prejudge the Estes case," he said

However, the ranking republican on the House Agriculture committee Charles B Hoeven of Iowa said he be-

lieved the case would have to influence the vote

"Some of the people under the cloud of investigation would be the administrators of the new program" he said

"This (the Estes case) is indicative of the extraneous issues which will be brought to bear on the bill" said congressman Paul C Jones Democrat of Missouri in calling for the bill to be passed on its own merits alone

Hoeven pointed with alarm to the feed grain portion of the bill which proposes to manage production through acreage controls "In Iowa, 85 per cent of the corn is fed to cattle on the farms Isn't this the first step toward controlling livestock production?" he asked

Senator Ellender said he did not believe any effective milk bill would be passed this year.

The major difference in the House and Senate versions of the bill revolves around the milk section. The House version replaced the original mandatory stipulations of the milk bill with a voluntary program while the Senate committee killed the entire milk section of the bill.

Ellender called on dairymen to "put their own house in order" or the high cost of the dairy, feed grain and wheat programs may "endanger the whole farm program."

Earlier in the day, Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman expressed cautious optimism over the passage of the farm bill in both the House and Senate

"The vote count we can count on in the house is not accurate, but we are not discouraged," he said, "as for the Senate," he said, "we are reasonably optimistic" that what he called essentially the Administration's program of supply management.

Conservation and Recreation

We ought to be loaning farmers money to produce recreation just as we are loaning them money to produce corn, he said in explaining the conservation and recreation phase of Title I of the proposed bill.

Three fourths of the land in the United States is in private hands and public lands are mostly too far from centers of population to be entirely useful for recreation purposes.

While this is an important part of the bill, he said, it has been eclipsed by the political aspect of the supply management phase

Freeman said there is more poverty on American farms than in all the slums of the big cities but it does not get one third the publicity. Of the 37 million farms in the U.S., 1 1/2 million produce 87 per cent of the food and fibre. The conservation and recreation program would make it possible for some of the other 22 million farmers to realize additional income.

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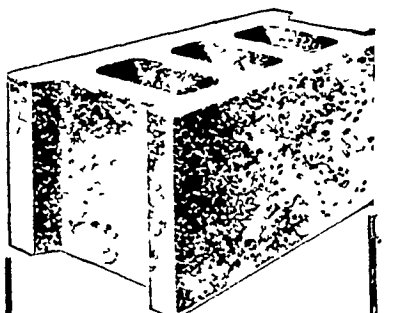
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