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Farm Bureau Backs Labor Relations Bill

The American Farm Bureau Federation today endorsed proposed legislation to establish a Farm Labor Relations Board.

In a statement prepared for presentation at a Senate Agriculture Subcommittee hearing, Arthur H. West, president of the New Jersey Farm Bureau and a member of the executive committee of the American Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors, said a bill (S 2203) introduced by Senator George Murphy of California is a compromise which "offers substantial advantages to farm workers and substantial advantages to farmers as compared with the existing situation."

The Farm Bureau leader said the Murphy bill would protect certain worker rights including (1) the right to join a union (2) the right to be free of discrimination because of union membership (3) the right to be treated by the same unfair labor practices

as are set forth in the Labor Management Relations Act.

"No one who has not stood in a farmer's shoes can appreciate fully the reasons for his concern over the acquisition by any union of power to prevent the harvest of his crop," West said.

"Many farmers have only one pay day a year — when they harvest their crops. When a farmer gets paid for his crop he hopes to get enough to pay off the investment he has made and to have something left over."

West said farmers oppose extension of the Labor Management Relations Act to agriculture, (3) the right to vote by secret ballot on the question of representation, (4) the right to participate in and control the affairs of the union without employer domination or intervention, and (5) the right to bargain collectively if the majority so desires.

The Murphy bill would protect farmers by adding, by prohibiting a strike "which might result in the loss of a crop" to the Labor Management Relations Act to agriculture.

"Virtually no consideration was given during the drafting

or revising of the Act to its possible application to agriculture," he declared.

"Thus its language and concepts do not reflect any consideration or recognition of the unique factors relating to farm production and employment."

He noted that the concept of a separate labor relations statute geared to the circumstances peculiar to an industry is not unprecedented.

"The Railway Labor Act governs employee-employer relations in the railway industry. Title II of the Railway Labor Act covers labor-management relations in the airline industry," he said.

"Agriculture is a larger industry and employs more workers than either of these industries — or both combined."

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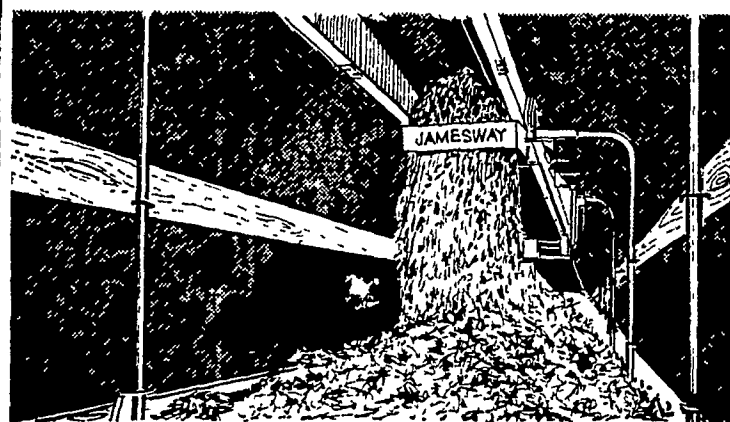
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