

Farm emergency program approved

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States Senate has approved a resolution urging the Carter Administration to implement immediately a five-point farm emergency program proposed by Senator Herman E. Talmadge of Georgia.

The Senate interrupted debate on the Panama Canal treaties to consider the

resolution. It was adopted by voice vote after a 30-minute debate.

Senator Edmund S. Muskie of Maine, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, spoke in opposition to the resolution, stating that the Talmadge proposals could "bust the budget" for agriculture in the 1978 fiscal year.

Talmadge said the cost of his proposals were estimated at between \$3.5 and \$4.5 billion for the fiscal year depending upon the degree of success of his "centerpiece" proposal — 50 million acre land diversion program.

Talmadge said if the cost of his proposals is a "problem" to the Carter Administration, he would propose trimming back the President's proposed \$25 billion reductions in corporate and individual in-

come taxes in order to underwrite his plan

"No segment of the economy is in greater need of stimulus than agriculture," Talmadge said. No segment would respond more dramatically.

"To me it makes good sense to attack the economic ills of our country where they clearly exist and where the need is most urgent. These conditions certainly prevail in the agriculture sector today."

In addition to the land

N.J. packer court-ordered

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Eastern Dressed Pork, Inc., North Bergen, N.J. a meat

diversion program, Talmadge has urged the Administration to increase price support loans on wheat, feed grains, soybeans, and non-quota peanuts for the 1978 crop.

packer, has been ordered to cease and desist from violating payment requirements of the Packers and Stockyards Act.

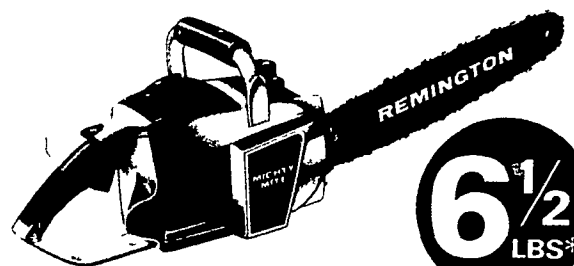
The firm, with corporate offices at Somerville, N.J. purchased hogs for slaughter in Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. The firm was charged in June 1976 with failing to pay for more than \$677,000 worth of livestock, including issuance of insufficient checks totaling \$65,000.

It consented to the order and waived oral hearing. The firm, which is not purchasing livestock at this time, neither admitted nor denied the charges filed against it.

A USDA administrative law judge ordered Eastern Dressed Pork, Inc., and its officers, directors and employees to cease and desist from: Issuing checks or drafts in payment for livestock purchased in commerce without sufficient funds to cover payment when due; and Failing to pay the full purchase price of livestock and meats purchased in commerce.

The cease and desist order, like a permanent injunction, was issued to insure future compliance with the Act.

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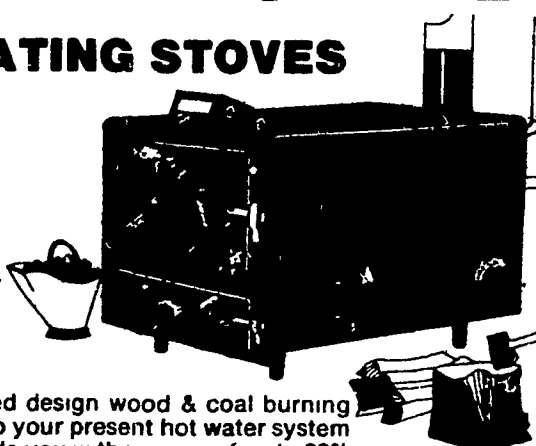
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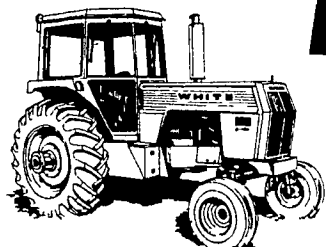
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