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## Talmadge asks support of fuels bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senator Herman E. Talmadge, chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, has asked President Carter to support his agricultural and forestry biomass fuels program, which is being considered as part of the overall energy bill now pending in a House-Senate Conference Committee.

In a letter to the President released Wednesday, Talmadge said his proposal — jointly sponsored by 36 members of the Senate — could help ease the economic impact on farmers of the Russian grain embargo as well as move the nation quickly toward energy independence.

Talmadge told the President that on-farm and small-scale production of alternative energy from farm and forestry productions "offers one of the most practicable and least costly ways of filling the energy gap in the rural United States."

At the same time, Talmadge said the program

could help stabilize farm prices and dispose "in the near future" of excess stocks of grains resulting from the President's embargo of future grain shipments to Russia.

"Conversion of grain into energy holds great potential as a way to respond to the challenge posed by sharp curtailments of foreign markets — to the benefit of both U.S. energy consumers and farmers," Talmadge told the President.

Talmadge's proposal would provide \$1.4 billion annually in loans, loan guarantees, grants, and appropriations authority to assist in the development of on-farm and small-scale commercial projects to produce alternative energy. The program would be administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in coordination with the Department of Energy.

Talmadge introduced the bill last September with 35 Senate co-sponsors. It was added, in modified form, as a separate part of the Senate version of the overall energy

legislation, now in Conference with the House.

Talmadge said his proposal would not duplicate other provisions of the energy bill providing for large-scale alcohol energy production under DOE jurisdiction. He pointed out that his legislation is more far-reaching than what is popularly known as "gasohol" program.

"Although title II would facilitate the production of alcohol at on-farm and small- and intermediate-scale facilities, it is not an

alcohol program per se, as is title III. It establishes a comprehensive rural energy program uniquely designed to enable farmers and rural citizens to produce and use a wide variety of alternative energy products from agricultural and forest biomass and residues and conserve the energy used on farms and in rural households."

The energy legislation is one of the high priority items before the Congress when it reconvenes on January 22.

## Guernsey cows make high records

PETERBOROUGH, N.H. — Piney Lane Polly P Elanaga a four year, 10 month old Registered Guernsey cow, owned by Mervin K. Myers, has completed an official DHIR actual production record of 15,290 pounds of milk and 829 pounds of butterfat, in 305 days, two times a day milking, according to The

American Guernsey Cattle Club.

Lindenhof W Bart Terrie a two year, 11 month old Registered Guernsey cow, owned by K. D. Linde, Oxford, has completed an official DHIR actual production record of 15,290 pounds of milk and 726 pounds of butterfat, in 300 days, two times a day milking, according to Guernsey Club.

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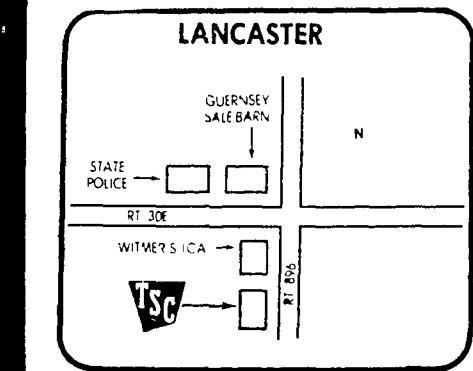
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