

FIFRA extension approved, but veto provision added

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A Senate-House Conference Committee Tuesday approved a one year extension of the Federal pesticide regulatory program of the Environmental Protection Agency but provided for a congressional veto of any new regulations proposed under the program.

The legislation, which now goes to the House and Senate floors for final action, authorized continued funding of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act for the 1981 fiscal year that begins October 1. The bill contains a spending level of \$77.5 million, including \$13 million

for research, development and related activities.

The conference committee approved a House provision giving Congress 90 days in which it could veto a proposed FIFRA rule or regulation by a vote of both Houses. But the provision

was modified to permit an expedited review by the Federal courts to test the constitutionality of the Congressional veto principle.

Sen. Herman E. Talmadge (D-Ga.), chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, offered the motion to accept the House's congressional veto provision, as modified by the judicial appeals procedure.

"Although questions have been raised about their constitutionality, Congress on several occasions has overwhelmingly approved legislative veto provisions," Talmadge said. "There is a strong feeling that legislative vetoes offer a good way to prevent the Federal bureaucrat from abusing their regulatory powers.

"However, because of the serious constitutional questions raised by legislative veto statutes, I also believe that it would benefit all concerned to obtain a definitive ruling from the Judiciary on the House provisions as soon as possible," Talmadge added. "There have already been too many long, drawn out lawsuits that have tied up the implementation of the pesticide law."

Under the legislation, EPA would be required to submit all proposed new FIFRA rules and regulations to Congress at the time they are promulgated. Congress then would have 90 days in which to veto any proposed rule or regulation by the adoption of a concurrent resolution by both Houses.

However ERA could put any rule or regulation into effect after 60 days if neither the House nor Senate had

adopted a veto resolution and no committee or either House had acted favorably on such a resolution.

The Conference bill also contains a House provision authorizing the chairman of the FIFRA scientific advisory panel to create temporary sub-panels on specific projects. It also provides that scientists who are not members of the scientific advisory panel may serve on these special sub-panels.

Local bull to test for ABC stud

PEACH BOTTOM — Entering the Atlantic Breeders Cooperative young sire sampling program is Sukavin Apollo Chief, bred by Robert Kauffman, Jr., of Peach Bottom, Lancaster County. One of 40 Holstein bulls to enter Atlantic's program this year, he will be known as 15H375 Sukavin.

During sampling, he will be mated randomly to about 600 Holstein cows through artificial insemination service in members' herds. He will remain at Lancaster headquarters barns for the next four years as he continues to grow and await evaluation of his progeny.

If the results prove satisfactory, Sukavin will then see extensive service throughout the Cooperative's 11,000-member area and his semen may be marketed to other parts of the world.

The bloodlines in this young bull's pedigree are specially selected for Atlantic's breeding program. His dam is Sukavin Apollo Tina, a cow



Sukavin Apollo Chief

that has records up to 31,316 pounds of milk and 1126 pounds of butterfat in 365 days in Kauffman's herd.

She is scored "Very Good" at 88 points in body conformation and her sire, 15H62 Hilltop Apollo Ivanhoe, was formerly at Atlantic. Tina's dam, a 15H96 Performer daughter, is also scored "Very Good" and has a record of 21,760M and 829F. A maternal sister to Sukavin is in Kauffman's herd and has an outstanding

record of 26,898 pounds of milk at three years of age.

Sukavin's sire, 15H170 Vincent-View Molly Chief is also a former popular Atlantic sire that scored "Very Good" and received the Gold Medal Sire award in 1978 from the Holstein Association of America.

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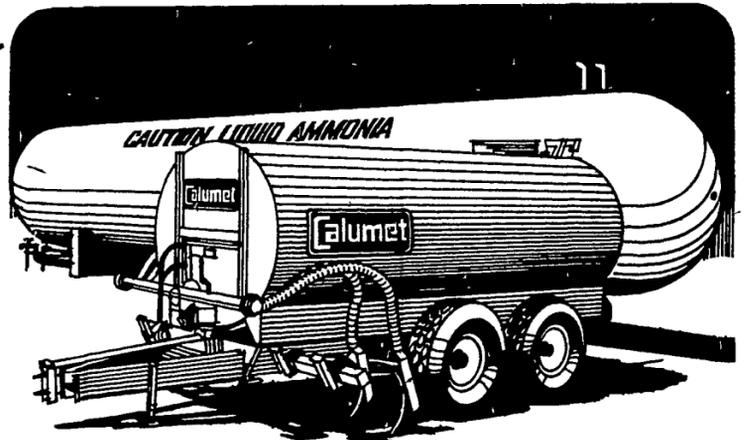
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