PFA staffer explains water bill opposition

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

INTERCOURSE - Possible workings of the proposed H.B. 1483 - the already infamous Water Bill -- was compared to "playing Solomon and cutting babies in half" by a staff member of the Farmers' Pennsylvania Association at the annual meeting of the Lancaster County Farmer's Association on Monday night.

Chris Allen, research specialist of public affairs, made the comparison in a rather lengthy explanation of PFA's opposition to the bill.

In the Solomon reference, Allen talked of the proposed application and permit process that will be needed for expanding use of water which might involve the drilling of another well.

Will farmers be on equal ground for using water with a hospital wing, a new housing

development or a school?" he hearings throughout the state. asked.

He told the approximate 150 present in the Harvest Drive restaurant that a permit would be required under the bill to use more than 10,000 gallons a day.

"That's playing it pretty close to the vest for many dairymen," he

'The bill doesn't do anything to attempt to provide more water.

'It just provides for the shuffling of a lot of paper (by the DER) to see who uses it."

Allen explained that PFA has testified twice in opposition to the bill in its traveling road show of

The PFA's opposition primarily hes in those areas of the bill which put authority in the hands of the DER to determine water emergency areas, the allocation of water for various priorities and the relinquishing of individual rights and free enterprise.

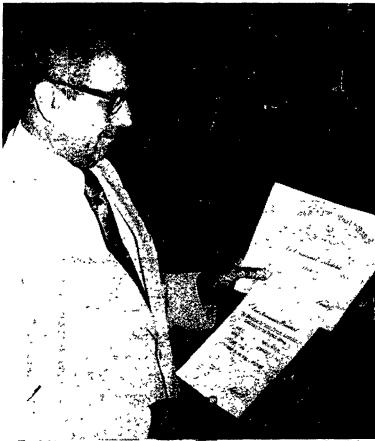
Allen also touched on the PFA energy groups being formed to better deal with oil and gas leasing companies and the creation of ag protection areas, which PFA

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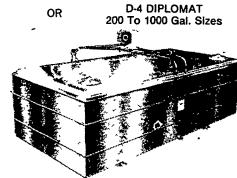
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