## **Dairy farmer protection is urged**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Charles the need of placing dairy farmers Wismer, Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange and Arden Tweksbury, Manager of Northern Tier Cooperative and representing Pennsylvania Farmers Union urged the U.S. House Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry of the Agriculture Committee to give immediate consideration to House Bill HR 5037.

The bill, known as the Milk Producers Prompt Payment Act of 1984, was introduced by Congressman Joseph M. McDade (R. 10th District), - Mr. McDade's Congressional District has been rocked by several dairy bankruptcies during the past few years, including the most recent one, Scheps Cheese. The original bill called for prompt payment to dairy farmers within 24 hours after delivery of milk to their handler. In addition, each handler would be compelled to establish a trush fund to protect the dairymen.

According to Tewksbury, the 24hour payment period seems to be lacking support, but the concept of the milk handler trust fund appears to have substantial support.

In his prepared statement, Wismer noted the continued losses suffered by dairy farmers due to bankruptcies dictate a much needed change in protecting the dairymen's milk check; Wismer stated he felt the type of a trust fund as advocated by Congressman McDade appears to be the answer. The grange leader further stated the Pennsylvania State Grange would urge the adoption of a three tier pricing mechanism for all dairymen. Wismer further stated he agreed to

in a more favorable position in the case of a bankruptcy

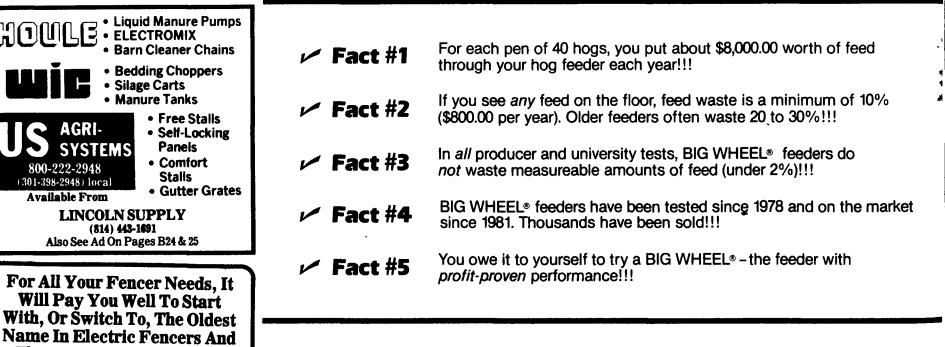
Tweksbury noted in his remarks to the Committee that during the last 10-years dairy farmers in the Northeast have lost nearly 20

continue, and the idea of the trust fund, which would be untouchable for other reasons then to pay dairy farmers could be the answer to the

million dollars due to bankruptcies present dilemma facing hundreds by milk handlers. He further stated, "such conditions can not Farmers Union and Northern Tier established policies in February 1984 urging dairy farmers be paid at least three times a month. Both

organizations welcome the idea of the Pennsylvania State Grange's position on a three tier payment play for producers. Tewksbury noted to the Committee the discrepancies of payment dates to (Turn to Page C3)





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