

# US Dairy Forum Reviews Government Expenditures

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**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.** — The second annual U.S. dairy forum opened here Monday with bi-partisan support for tax reform and reduced government expenditures for dairy and other agricultural programs.

Touting the White House line, Dr. Tom Moore insisted that the 1985 Farm Bill needs evaluation and revision. Dr. Moore, a member of Council of Economic Advisors, said dairy price supports should be adjusted to "free market or market clearing levels."

He predicted that \$1.50 per hundredweight would provide "long run equilibrium."

Dr. Moore was joined on a panel of three by Sen. Tom Eagleton, D-Mo., and Rep. Sam Gibbons, D-Fla. Panel moderator was Bill

Monroe of Meet the Press.

Dr. Moore, under questioning by Monroe, admitted that in the short run such a policy would lead to "transitory losses."

Sen. Eagleton and Rep. Gibbons echoed, but did not mirror Dr. Moore's remark.

Rep. Gibbons was critical of the current "cow killing" program and implied that Congress might not have approved the legislation had it anticipated widespread criticism from cattle and humanitarian groups. However, it was he — not Dr. Moore — who pointed out that agriculture and government go hand in hand in most countries throughout the world.

"We need an international agreement in agriculture," Rep. Gibbons said.

Sen. Eagleton also supported the

contention that the United States cannot unilaterally move international agriculture into the free market.

He related the loss of shoe manufacturing jobs in his home state of Missouri, noting the export of jobs with lower standards of living. However, no one on the panel made the analogy that major budget cuts in agriculture could lead to a similar result.

Regarding the tax reform measure approved by the Senate Finance Committee, the panel agreed that "irresistible attractive

rates" made prospects for the proposal look good. Sen. Eagleton predicted the measure will fly through the senate.

Rep. Gibbons, however, strongly opposed the proposed changes in IRAs. He pointed out that the United States has imported \$200 to \$250 billion in capital. "We need to save," he said, "and I will fight like hell to keep the IRA" as it is currently structured.

Dr. Moore said the administration is evaluating the Senate bill but initial feeling is one of support. On the budget,

however, he said, "The president's budget cuts bad programs and wasteful spending. And there are a lot of bad programs in the ag area."

Sen. Eagleton pointed out that 70 percent of the budget is "untouchable." That includes interest on the debt, pension and defense spending.

It is ridiculous to cut and slash the other 30 percent; if you do, you get a "wacky budget," he said. "No program should be immune except interest on the debt" he concluded.

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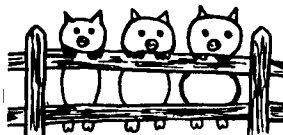
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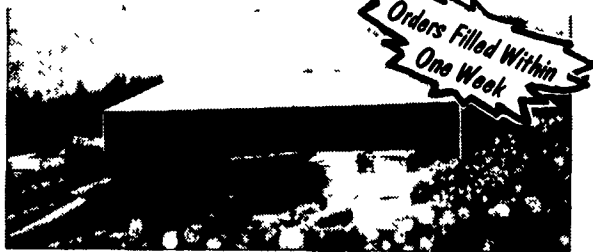
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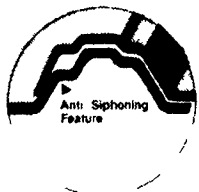
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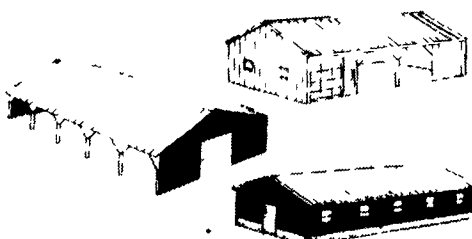
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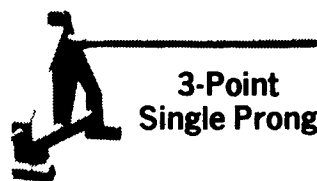
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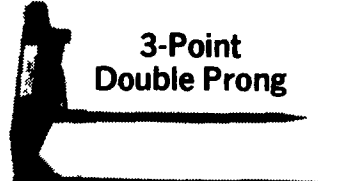
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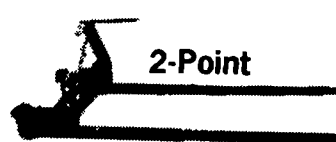


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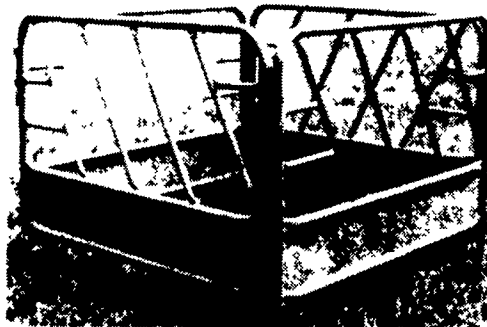


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