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Delegates Vote On Resolutions For Future Of NDHIA

BY MARTHA J. GEHRINGER
PHILADELPHIA — Delegates to National Dairy Herd Improvement Association Convention prepared for the organization's future by voting on resolutions and a by-law change on the fourth and final day of the event Thursday.

Adams Mark Hotel in Philadelphia, seated 99 delegates who voted on a total of nine resolutions and one by-law change in the business meeting.

President Donald Long presided over the voting procedure.

The first resolution resolved that National DHIA would "support a

change in the tax laws to allow deductions of cost for raising dairy replacement heifers in the year in which they occur."

Carried with an amendment, the second resolution concluded: "Therefore, be it resolved that the National Board of Directors direct these various issues to the NCHIP Policy Board for the purpose of developing more labor efficient record programs, and be it further resolved that these alternative formats be presented to the National Board for consideration in 1988."

After much discussion, the delegate body deadlocked on the resolution concerning annulment of territorial boundaries for DHI or records processing centers. Because of the tied vote, 48 in favor and 48 opposed, Long declared the resolution defeated due to a lack of a majority.

The defeated resolution read: "Therefore, be it resolved that any proposals to abolish territorial boundaries for DHI or dairy records processing services be brought to the delegate body at the National DHIA Convention for the purpose of informing and obtaining a consensus on the membership, and

"Be it further resolved that any proposals give very careful consideration to the long-term investments made by state and local units because of protected

territories and include a carefully structured timetable for the implementation of any changes in the current structure of the DHI system."

Delegates narrowly defeated a resolution concerning timely distribution of bull proofs by a vote of 49 to 47. The resolution con-

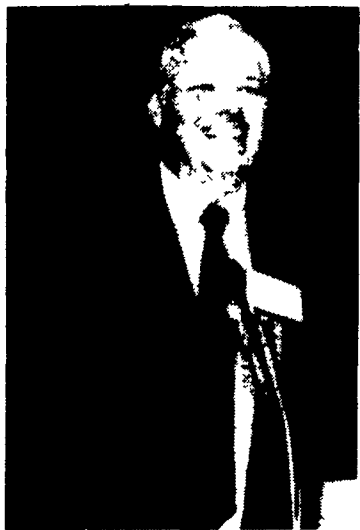
cluded: "Be it resolved that the National DHIA strongly urge HFAA to make their type proofs available to the DRPC's in electronic form in as timely a fashion as the colored breeds are able to do."

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Baltimore Farm Credit Banks Show Profit But Share Midwest Losses

BY EVERETT NEWSWANGER
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WASHINGTON D.C. — While the Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore had a consolidated net income of \$30 million, some \$88 million in loss sharing agreements with other farm credit districts left the local regional association with a \$58 million net loss. That's what the annual report of the banks revealed for 1986 that was given at the annual meeting here Thursday. About 700 persons representing production credit associations, federal land bank associations and the banks of cooperatives gathered to hear what many already knew. That Baltimore district continues to operate very well. And in the absence of the loss sharing with midwest districts would have shown a substantial net income.



Gene Swackhamer

According to Gene Swackhamer, president of the Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore, every statistic in the operation that is monitored showed improvement over 1985 except values which declined further. Delinquencies are down and foreclosures are down. "Everything we are looking at that would reflect continuing or emerging problems has remained very stable," Swackhamer said. "Agriculture is going through a lot of change. And the Farm Credit System is going through a lot of change. And we are trying to adapt

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Growers Talk Turkey In Gettysburg

BY JACK HUBLEY

GETTYSBURG — Five years ago Penn State poultry science professor Herbert Jordan predicted that turkeys would outnumber humans in Pennsylvania by the year 2000.

Today, Jordan admits that he missed his guess. If turkey production and consumption continue to increase at their present rate, that date will have to be revised to 1995. "The turkey is knocking at the door in Pennsylvania," says Jordan, pointing out that consumption has increased from 1.6 pounds per person annually in 1931 to 14 pounds last year. Some experts believe that consumption may rise

another two pounds by the end of the year.

Ken Longacre, president of Horace W. Longacre Inc., and Wampler-Longacre of Franconia, Pa., couldn't be happier that Americans are talking turkey. One of the featured speakers at the Pennsylvania Turkey Conference held in Gettysburg Tuesday, Longacre thanked further processed turkey products for bringing turkey into the consumer's home on a year-round basis. "Further processed turkey, in my opinion, is in its infancy," said Longacre. "I'm convinced we're just at the beginning of an explosion of further processed turkey products."

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week on the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association's Annual Legislative Tour to the halls of Congress.

"The farmer is no longer chained to the plot of ground where he was born," Gekas said. "A farmer is now involved in farm policy, not just getting across the road to the other side but in foreign

policy. All you need to do is look back at the great grain embargo of yesteryear. This was brought about by the United States being involved in a decision involving foreign policy. That was a farmer's issue, a grain issue, a farmer/agribusiness issue. The most gigantic issue that can possibly occur within our country of in-

ternational scope affects the homestead of the farmer. Then you can go to technology. Even the old farmhouse now has something that comes from the assistance of a computer. If the Extension Service does its job, it uses a computer. And if the farmer takes advantage of the Extension Service this farm

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Farmers' Opinions Must Be Considered In All Policies

BY EVERETT NEWSWANGER
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — It is no longer possible for a congressman of the United States or the state legislature or a member of local government, to proceed in the development of policy without taking into full consideration the interests and the opinions of the farmer and the farm community. That's what United States representative George W. Gekas from the Seventeenth District told the 200 farmers gathered here this



A repeated scene in Washington this week was PFA members in visits to congressmen. In this photo (left to right) seated: Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Geib, Manheim; Mrs. James Hess; Rep. Robert Walker and James Hess, Quarryville. Standing: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lehman, Annville and Anne Marcantognini, Legislative Director.