

# Farm Forum

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cide. Each insect must be disrupted, so 3 or 4 applications may be necessary. With insecticides, one product does it all. EPA is also dragging their feet. They treat biological controls the same as pesticides and that costs \$35 to \$50 million per compound. That is not fair, but until something in the bureaucracy changes, the biological controls will be too expensive for farmers to use. They are safe, but EPA needs to be sure.

I would like to conclude with a few comments. Farmers in Franklin County do an excellent job of managing their resources. A crop improvement association helps increase yield and decrease the use of chemicals. Soil tests, leaf analyses, and manure management all help farmers to better manage the chemicals and fertilizers we must use. Field technicians monitor orchards weekly for problems.

The children are our future and the farmers in this area are trying to produce a quality and wholesome product for everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to tell you the rest of the story.

manager responded to a letter to the editor with the remark: "Eastern Milk Producers is not in favor of mandatory supply management." At the Dairy Summit he repeated that comment, adding that Eastern Milk Producers is against two-tier pricing. Contrary to those statements, the delegate body of Eastern has never voted against two-tier. In fact, on March 12, 1991 our delegate body passed a resolution to support two-tier. (A copy of that resolution was sent to the editor.)

While the opinions of directors and management are important, they're not always correct. Our co-ops exist because of their members - you and me. We challenge co-op members to contact their directors and to ask their co-ops to take an honest survey of what type of dairy program members really want. We challenge directors and management to work with their membership towards the dairy program the majority want.

Our local strongly supports the National Dairy Campaign and

believe this is truly the answer to help save the family dairy farm. We urge all dairy farmers to get involved and express his or her view. If you don't you could end up with a dairy program that you can't live with.

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Dear Editor:

On June 22, 1993, the Senate Republican Caucus marshalled all of their 24 votes to force a tie on Senate Bill 1190, thus defeating proposed legislation that would have given Pennsylvania businesses approximately \$130 million in tax breaks annually.

Let's be honest, here.

Would we, as Democrats, like to be perceived by the business community as being more centrist in our political philosophy and more sensitive to the needs of business? Would such perceptions enhance the political viability of

the Democratic Party in the future?

The answer is "hopefully," on both counts.

To be candid, that is part of the motivation for my having crafted and sponsored Senate Bill 1190 which would have:

- Reinstated the Net Operating Loss Carryforward provision beginning in tax year 1993;

- Reduced the Corporate Net Income Tax by .26 percent for tax years beginning after Jan. 1, 1993, in effect, repealing the current surtax on the CNI of 1.75 percent and replacing it with a lower surtax of 1.49 percent;

- Rectified the mistake made in Act 22 of 1991 when electric utilities did not get an increase in their tax rate (as did other utilities) under the Utility Gross Receipts Tax.

Now, let's carry this bent for candor a bit further.

The Republicans whined that we were replacing one tax with another — a hidden tax in the form of higher electric rates in the future.

The real story behind their hypocritical position is that they don't want tax breaks for business to become reality under the Democrats' watch.

Senate Republicans when they

were the majority party either never thought to correct the drafting error in the 1991-92 state budget that allowed electric companies to escape paying approximately \$100 million yearly in taxes, or Senate Republicans didn't have the gumption to do what was right.

So now they just hate the thought that Democrats have taken the initiative to close that loophole. The Republicans are well aware that this is, indeed, an attempt on our part to correct a mistake in Act 22 of 1991 and that it is not a new tax hike.

The reason they are acutely aware of it is because Republican Leaders Jubelirer, Loeper, Fisher and Tilghman and three other Republican Senators voted in 1991 for passage of Act 22, which, of course, incorporated the tax increase for electric utilities.

Moreover, they are mortified that Democrats are trying to inject a spark into the economy, particularly by helping small businesses with the loss carryforward provision.

I believe that the Republicans' refusal to put up one single vote for Senate Bill 1190 was a direct slap in the face to small business owners.

Each Republican Senator has

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Editor:

We, the officers of the Meshoppen-Aldovin local of Eastern Milk Producers feel compelled to express what we think the majority of co-op members and independent producers want in a dairy program. It is not the dairy program that some of our co-op leaders are favoring.

National Milk Producers supports a "Self-Help" program. Is this the type of program the majority of dairy farmers want? We've talked to many producers, and all who are informed of this program oppose it. It is an insult to co-op members that National Milk tried to ram its "Self-Help" program through the Senate Ag Committee Deficit Reduction Bill. As far as we know, none of the co-ops had sent their members any information on the "Self-Help" program, yet had it passed, it would have been law until 1998. It was Sen. Leahy and his committee who put thumbs down on the program.

What about two-tier pricing? We are told by some co-op leaders that there is no support for two-tier pricing; that two-tier is a "pipe dream." For example: our general

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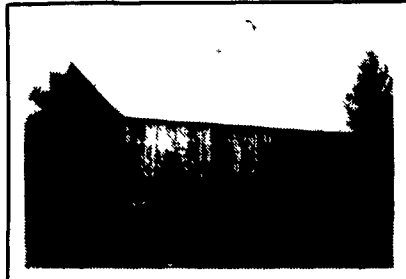
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