Donaldson Calls For Action

(Continued from Page A40) Farm Bureau also believes nuisance taxes, such as the per capita, personal property and occupation taxes, should be eliminated.

A final ingredient is giving taxpayers the right to vote on local tax rate increases and th eincurring of local debt, Donaldson said. Farm Bureau supports local tax reform legislation, S.B. 2, plus the addition of a property tax exemption for "farmstead" farm buildings.

Farm Bureau is supporting a legislative package, S.B. 1248 -1250, to protect property rights from state regulatory encroachment.

"The three bills would require state agencies to assess the impact of proposed regulations on private property, before they become regulations," Donaldson explained.

The bills would also give the Independent Regulatory Review

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Commission the power to reject regulations that constitute a "takings" of private property without compensation.

In addition, the bills would allow a property owner who successfully files a "takings" claim in court to recover up to \$50,000 in attorneys' fees.

Turning to another priority issue for Farm Bureau, Donaldson, said, "The dairy industry across the nation continues to undergo severe financial strife for many different reasons.

"Dairymen here in Pennsylvania are looking at a self-help type program to improve their market situation. A large factor in this equation is the Northeast Dairy Compact which will enable dairy farmers to receive a more profitable price for their product."

Farm Bureau supports S.B. 170 (Turn to Page A43)

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