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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND SMALL BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order by Representative Susan Roenbaugh at  
Chairperson

9:08 a.m./p.m. on January 11, 1989 in room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~except~~

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department  
Marjorie Brownlee, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Pat Roberts, U.S. Congress  
Representative Dan Glickman, U.S. Congress

The joint meeting of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees was called to order by Representative Susan Roenbaugh, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

Following a few opening remarks by the Chairman, she introduced U.S. Congressmen Pat Roberts (R-Kans) and Dan Glickman (D-Kans).

The two congressmen cited proposed federal cuts in Medicare funding might add to the financial threat which is facing rural hospitals and rural health care generally. They also expressed the concern that proposed environmental protection regulations will pose economic problems for farmers and rural small businesses. Congressman Roberts warned that a new push in Washington on environmental issues could result in rural "dismantling" rather than rural "development."

Congressman Glickman said he saw strong prices in grain and a trend to seeking out alternative uses of farm commodities. They both felt there would be no radical change in farm policy. Each concluded that less defensive agriculture is desirable.

Congressman Glickman also noted that legislators should watch for attempts in Washington to raise federal motor fuels tax---the proceeds to be used to reduce the deficit. Both indicated they were opposed to tax increases and would prefer to reduce the deficit by cuts in spending. Congressman Glickman indicated if there were to be an increase in motor fuel taxes he would rather support it for highway programs.

Questions from the floor were invited and there was further discussion of constituent concerns and issues.

On conclusion of the Congressmen's remarks, Chairman Roenbaugh thanked them for their presentations and adjourned the joint meeting at 9:58 a.m.

The next meeting of the House Agriculture and Small Business Committee will be at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 18, 1989, in Room 423-S.

GUEST LIST

COMMITTEE: JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES ON  
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