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Amendment could open market to all

Senate test vote keeps peanut bill alive

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WASHINGTON — The Senate, in a test vote, Wednesday kept alive attempts to end the federal government's peanut acreage-allotment program. Abolishing this program would allow anyone to grow and market peanuts.

By a 56-43 vote, the senate rejected a motion to kill an amendment offered by freshman Sen. Mack Mattingly, R-Ga., that would suspend the acreage allot-

ments, which he said are held now mostly by "timber companies, railroads and corporations."

Senate Republican leader Howard Baker, who moved to table the Mattingly amendment, immediately put off a vote on the amendment itself until later in the day.

The test vote was a setback for conservative Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., the Senate Agriculture Committee chairman who led a group of senators arguing the pre-

sent program costs the federal government "not one thin dime."

Amendments to scuttle the acreage-allotment system — in which 59,000 persons and corporations now control all of the acreage on which peanuts are grown — were made by Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., and Mattingly.

Lugar, saying he wanted to put peanuts in the free market, proposed abolishing both the acreage-allotment system and the national

productions quotas. Mattingly proposed abolishing the acreage-allotment system but setting a national production quota of 1.1 million tons.

Under each of their motions, anyone who wanted to could grow peanuts.

"If we're going to abolish a program that costs nothing, I'm going to be seriously tempted to say perhaps all the other farm programs ought to have nothing," Helms said.

Sen. Paul Tsongas, D-Mass., arguing for the Lugar motion, chided the conservatives for opposing the free market for peanuts and said anyone with "Ronald Reagan purity" ought to support it.

White House spokesman David Gergen said Tuesday Reagan will veto the farm bill if it is a "budget buster." He said the president told Republican congressional leaders "if budget-busting bills" come to the White House, "I will

veto them. I want to make the plain."

Gergen said, however, Reagan stressed he will stand by commitments made earlier this year to sugar and peanut subsidies.

"The problem is money — not that we don't like dairy products. We all like milk and ice cream," Sen. Robert J. Dole, R-Kan., said Tuesday in offering the motion to table two attempts at a higher subsidy.

Contaminated fowl threaten duck season

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SALT LAKE CITY — Seventeen states in the country's western half, including Texas, may have to cancel or curtail this year's duck hunting season because waterfowl in Montana have become contaminated with the highly toxic insecticide endrin.

Endrin in high concentrations has been fatal to humans, and it causes damage to the central nervous system and brain. In low concentrations, it has caused birth defects in guinea pigs.

Lonnie Schroeder, wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said Tuesday fish and game officials in both the central and Pacific migratory flyways were awaiting the results of tests to determine the extent of the poisoning.

Those tests should be com-

pleted by Sept. 25 — eight days before duck season is scheduled to open.

Schroeder said endrin was sprayed more than 125,000 acres of winter wheat near Miles City, Mont., that had been infested by army cutworms.

When large numbers of fish began to die, officials believed the insecticide had contaminated wildlife.

"The Environmental Protection Agency says it is safe to eat domestic birds with up to three parts per million of endrin," said Schroeder. "There are some species of ducks and geese that have been found to exceed this, in some cases considerably."

The levels in some of the ducks were so high that a single serving to a 60-pound child could cause poison symptoms which include

nausea, headache and convulsions, said Lou Johnson, regional toxicology program chief for the Environmental Protection Agency.

Montana ducks normally migrate down the central flyway through Texas. But Schroeder said tests are under way to discover if similar contamination has occurred west of the Continental Divide in Montana. In this case, they would be in the Pacific flyway.

The two flyways cover the states of Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, California, Idaho, Washington, Oregon. The season opens in both flyways Oct. 3.

Al Reganthal, chief waterfowl biologist for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, said his office would wait for the results of the Montana study before acting.

Reganthal said, "If high levels are found in some birds, we'd have to think pretty seriously about closing the season."

Desegregation improves education, study reports

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NEW YORK — School desegregation has equalized academic opportunities of blacks and whites and may even promote integration of neighborhoods, a federally financed study says.

"School desegregation seems to have a positive effect on children," said Dr. Willis D. Hawley of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. "Despite all the resistance generally positive results are found."

Hawley said success occurred where integration began earliest

— in kindergarten or the first grade. However, he said desegregation was "clearly not as successful as advocates had hoped."

The 16-member study team was financed by the Office of Civil Rights and National Institute of Education. Researchers analyzed 1,000 studies on school desegregation, reviewed court cases and interviewed 170 educational experts to determine the result of integration strategies in 16 school districts. That portion of the seven-year study cost \$250,000 and took two years, Hawley said at a news

conference.

Hawley said there was no evidence to suggest desegregation had a harmful impact on the educational levels achieved by white children.

Desegregation "usually creates greater equality of educational opportunity and often encourages school systems to change to meet responsibilities to all students," he said.

The researcher also said there was evidence to suggest school desegregation can promote housing desegregation.

"When a school district is desegregated there is no pressure for whites with young children to move out of a racially mixed neighborhood since the school administration has guaranteed racial stability," the study said.

The report favored busing both black and white children, which would help housing desegregation.

The study concluded voluntary desegregation was not effective in reducing racial isolation except in areas with small numbers of minority students. The study said "mandatory reassignment plans were effective in reducing racial isolation even though they result in greater white flight."

Hawley concluded school systems must adopt a "comprehensive" approach to desegregation to be successful.

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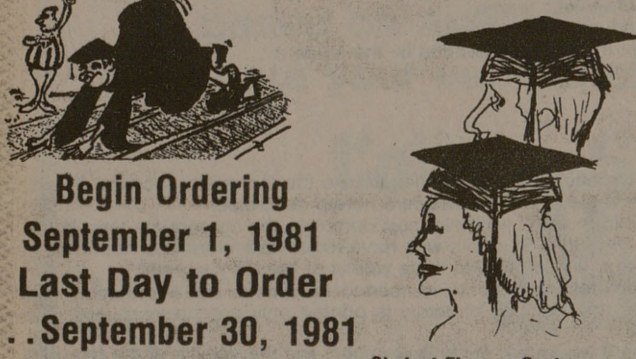
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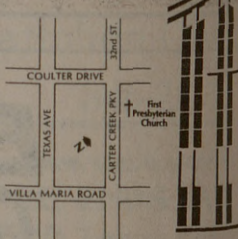
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