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Flood, drought damages cost farmers millions WASHINGTON (AP) — Floods

and drought have caused hundreds of millions of dollars worth of crops to fail in Texas this year, farm leaders told the House Agriculture Committee Wednesday.

But the chairman of the committee, Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Mission, said he wasn't very optimistic the government could provide any

"A disaster bill costs money and I don't know where we have any," de

"I can only promise we will consider whatever is possible," he said.

The adverse budget climate, the condition of the federal crop insurance program and the lack of disaster areas make such legislation hard to sell on Capitol Hill.

support from another powerful congressman, Rep. Leon Panetta, the California Democrat who chairs the House Budget Committee.
"With the recurrence of weather

But disaster legislation does have

disasters each year, it is clear that we must find a permanent solution to

WASHINGTON (AP) — The fate of 49 drug task forces that cover more than 200 Texas counties rested

Wednesday with the House Rules Committee, which

was developing the rule for debate on the 1990 crime

amendments should be considered when the bill reaches the House floor Thursday afternoon. Members

heard testimony from about 50 congressmen and

women on the merits of their amendments Wednesday.

and decide what could be debated, said Rep. Martin

Reps. Albert Bustamante, D-San Antonio; Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio; and Charles Wilson, D-Lufkin,

A provision in the crime bill changes the way federal drug-fighting funds are administered. The provision

takes the money out of the hands of state administra-

It would wipe out the 49 drug task forces by redistri-

The state's Criminal Justice Division distributes the

buting the funds to law enforcement agencies on the

money primarily to law enforcement agencies that have formed task forces in rural and border areas, said

Frost, D-Dallas, the only Texan on the panel.

tors and distributes it directly to local officials

testified in support of the task forces.

ORANGE BEACH, Ala.(AP) —

Thirteen states including Texas banded together Wednesday to

press Congress for tougher penalties

against other states that have failed

to locate toxic waste disposal sites

13 states met for two days at the Perdido Beach Hilton on the Alabama

Environmental officials from the

It was an organizational effort by

a total of 17 states that import more

toxic wastes than they ship to other

within their borders.

The committee was expected to caucus Thursday

The committee must decide which of more than 100

Committee chairman thinks disaster legislation unlikely

this problem," Panetta said. "However, until that time I believe that it is important that we provide assistance to those farmers who have lost crops in weather related disasters.

Farmers from 11 states testified to the committee. Texas and Georgia farmers have suffered the most from disasters, primarily drought.

Yield losses to Texas farmers for cotton, corn and sorghum are estimated to be \$619 million this year, said Wayne Labar of the Texas Cotton Producers. The ripple effect will cost the state's agribusiness industry \$2 billion, he said.

"For some farmers it is the third year in a row of poor yields," Labar said. "The producers face a bleak financial picture. Given conservative lending practices, a large number of them in the hardest hit areas will have no place to turn for financing

Task forces face cuts in '90 crime bill

the 1991 crop."

Crop losses are estimated at more than \$500 million in Georgia, \$130 million in Alabama and \$119 million in South Carolina, officials from

those states testified.

Texas received \$235 million in disaster relief in 1988 and \$348 million in 1989.

After floods in April and May caused 54 counties to become federal disaster areas, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, sponsored a bill to extend the 1989 disaster act. The bill is sitting in the Senate Agriculture Committee. Its progress depends on

finding a way to finance it, aides say.

Most of the farmers who appeared before the House committee said they appreciated the government's budget constraints. But several said they couldn't understand how it could forgive billions of dol-

Randy Erben, director of the state of Texas Office of

force with 25 percent coming from local sources. Texas task forces received \$7 million from the federal govern-

ment in 1988, \$23 million in 1989 and \$27 million in

strategy for the money and direct it to Texas' six largest counties: Harris, Dallas, Bexar, Tarrant, Travis and El

As now written, the crime bill would bypass the state's

"None on the border, none in rural areas and none

Bustamante noted the Mexican border is a major en-

He said the task forces are "on the frontline in our

"Urban crime is prevented because rural task forces

states without disposal sites.

failed to build toxic waste disposal

sites or reach an agreement with an-

destroy clandestine manufacturing labs and drug traf-

war on drugs and represent our cities' first line of de-

try point for illegal drugs. Several task forces along the

border would lose their funds under the bill as it is now

The federal funds pay for 75 percent of each task

State-Federal Relations.

in suburban areas," Erben said.

ficking centers," Smith said.

cials attended a forum Tuesday with other state in their region for a site.

lars in loans to Egypt and not out U.S. farmers.

"It seems that any budget lems can be overcome," said Adams, a San Patricio Count producer, referring to the Egy debt forgiveness.

A three year drought and spring flood were the prima

ships for Texas farmers. Rep. Jim Chapman, D-Su Springs, gave de la Garza pieu the spring flood he said si "rich Red River farmland looked more like South Padr

Steve Vance, a Bowie of farmer, said 18,400 acres of wh that county alone were lost flood. "Besides the flood, we 103 degree temperatures last and no rain in August," Vances

Some lawmakers and the Bus ministration oppose using both nual disaster bills and crop in ance to help farmers. They say or the other should be chosen fully developed.

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United States.

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The states demanded that the S. Environmental Protection the federal agency had failed to engree crack down on states that works in reverse with person normal hearing calling 1-800 The hearing-impaired

Wyer said the agency is in the process of sorting the "good states from the bad states." when they have a relay call be of a noise or light on their TDD. Prior to this network, relay ices were operated by volunt Under the EPA rules, the agency could withhold Superfund cleanup funds from those states that have non-profit groups. Service was available only for a limited

were restrictions on call length "Certainly this was far from or access," Greytok said.

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States demand disposal sites

within their borders.

Wyer said.

U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency crack down on states that

have failed to build disposal sites

Russ Wyer, director of waste management at the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency in Washington,

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ery.

"We are going about this in wrong way," he says. "We're not using up limited fuel, but we're making any effort to design vehicle." that can run on solar and electric

Some prominent oil compa however, say the hydrogena process is not feasible.

Krammer agrees the beginn stages of any new idea cost more cause of kinks that need to

is more expensive," he says. first generation of nylons after stockings were \$15 and then prices dropped to \$1.25. Krammer says a U.S. government agency called the Bureau of Mini

"The first generation of anything

built a synthetic oil facility in los siana, Mo., in 1949. German scientists operated plant to see if it would produce from American coal. The coal

only worked, but produced one lon of gasoline for 6 cents "It is true these are 1949 fig

but multiply (this) by 10 and its costs only 60 cents a gallon," hes The history professor says during the first generation of option, it cost \$1.50 to produce ones

"We have to just get over hump when we experience that take that first step," Krammer says

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