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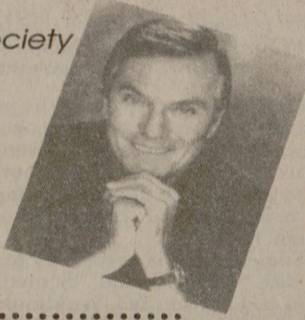


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Lenders tighten belts Farmers face crunch

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers face a severe credit crunch as the spring planting season nears because of escalating fuel costs, a drought in bank lending and tougher restrictions on government assistance, officials said Wednesday.

Members of Congress and spokesmen for farm groups in Texas say a crisis in farm credit could develop during the next 60 to 90 days, as farmers who have been hit by the recession seek loans to get their 1991 crops in the ground this spring.

But bank lenders and the Farmers Home Administration are tightening the clamps on loans, officials said. And farmers who come to plant-

ing time weakened by floods, freezes and droughts last year may not find a willing lender.

Steve Pringle, director of national affairs for the Texas Farm Bureau, said he knows of one farmer in Coryell County who went to 12 bankers before finding a lender 75 miles away.

"Just across the board, there is a financial crisis facing producers in the state today," Pringle said Wednesday. "The financial crisis facing farmers right now is going to become even more evident here in the next 60 to 90 days."

Joe Rankin, president of the Texas Farmers Union, predicted a similar crisis, saying that many farm-

ers seeking loans for this year's crop will be unable to "put it on paper and make it work out."

As a result, he said, there will be "more of a mass exodus" from the farm than in the early 1980s.

"I expect recessionary pressure to make it harder for Texas farmers to get financing for their crops this year, but that's only part of the problem," Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, said Wednesday.

"Many farmers come to planting time weakened by floods and freezes last year, and some parts of our state have been suffering from drought for the past several years," Bentsen said.

Bush proposes plan to improve highways

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush proposed on Wednesday a \$105.4 billion, five-year plan to prepare the nation's highways and mass transit systems "for the next American century."

But state highway officials said the proposal was inadequate, would raise state taxpayers' costs and will be rewritten in Congress.

Mass transit officials said they have been shortchanged. Environmentalists contended the continued emphasis on highways will dramatically increase oil consumption and threaten air-quality improvements.

Others criticized the bill's encouragement of tolls to pay for new and repaired bridges and highways.

But Bush and Transportation Secretary Samuel K. Skinner said they believe that the legislation is properly balanced and that its highway provisions are needed to fix deteriorated roads and bridges "so that America can stay competitive in the global economy of the 21st century."

Skinner said each \$1 billion spent on highway construction creates 30,000 to 50,000 jobs.

Hal Rives, president of the Association of State Highway Transportation Officials, called the bill a good start and added, "On a scale of 1 to 10, we give the administration bill a 6."

"It is not dead on arrival" on Capitol Hill, "but it will not pass as arrived," said Frank Francois, executive director of the association.

"The concept is good," said Rives, who is Georgia's transportation commissioner. "It streamlines the entire program. But the funding is clearly inadequate to meet our national transportation needs. And what

money is there is not fairly distributed."

The bill proposes spending, in addition to several minor programs, \$87.17 billion on highways and \$16.3 billion for mass transit over the next five years.

In a series of policy shifts, the legislation proposes giving priority for federal highway aid to a 150,000-mile National Highway System, which would be composed of the 42,000-mile interstate highway system and other highways important to the economy and the national defense.

The federal government would pay 75 percent of the cost of repairing existing roads and building new roads in this system.

The annual federal share would rise in each of the five years from \$7.7 billion in 1992 to \$11.2 billion in 1996.

The only higher priority would go to completing the unbuilt 1 percent of the interstate system and to making critical repairs. Such projects would continue to be financed by the federal government on a 90 percent-10 percent basis.

A lower priority would be given to 700,000 miles of important roads that would be grouped in an Urban and Rural Program. State governments would have to pay 40 percent of repairs and construction of such roads.

Federal spending on this program would rise from \$3.9 billion in 1992 to \$5.7 billion in 1996.

Bush and Skinner said that, in a tradeoff for imposing greater costs on states and cities, the bill offers regional and local transportation planners much more flexibility.

Forest Service boasts job boost, environmentalists cries devastation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Timber sales from Texas' four national forests generated hundreds of jobs and \$25.7 million for the East Texas economy last year, the U.S. Forest Service says.

But an environmentalist claims the Forest Service's logging practices threaten fauna and flora in East Texas and should be changed.

According to the Forest Service, timber sales from the Angelina, Davy Crockett, Sabine and Sam Houston national forests netted the federal government a little more than \$1 million in fiscal 1990, after expenses of \$3.4 million and a \$2.18 million payment to area counties for school and roads.

Actual sales resulted in \$81 million in revenue, a 21 percent increase from fiscal 1989, with 89 million board feet harvested. Timber was harvested from 9,100 acres, which account for 1.5 percent of the 635,687 acres in the four forests, the Forest Service said.

It said sales from its logging operations last year generated 998 jobs and \$25.7 million in East Texas communities.

But Ned Fritz, a Dallas environmentalist and attorney who has filed suit to change the way the Forest Service harvests timber in East Texas, said the system encourages clear-cutting and budget padding, and escapes close congressional scrutiny.



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