

ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1069

By: Voskuhl, Askins, Begley,
Benson, Beutler, Bonny,
Cotner, Pope (Clay),
Widener, Ferguson,
Hiatt, O'Neal, Reese and
Smith (Bill) of the
House

and

Williams (Don) of the
Senate

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to waive the paying back of advanced deficiency payments; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes that agriculture is an important component of Oklahoma's economy; and

WHEREAS, the producers of winter wheat and cotton in Oklahoma contribute significantly to Oklahoma's agriculture industry; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's 1995 winter wheat crop was the lowest in twenty-five years and because of the decrease in production Oklahoma's wheat farmers were not able to enjoy the benefits of the increased price for wheat; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's 1995 cotton production of 125,000 bales was slightly more than half of the 1994 production estimate and is the lowest recorded output in a century; and

WHEREAS, the federal government through the Farm Service Agency has a program for wheat, feed grains, rice and cotton where an income support payment is provided by deficiency payments which is based on the difference between a "target price" set by law and the

higher of either the basic loan rate or the national average market price; and

WHEREAS, these payments are necessary to help keep state farmers competitive in selling their products in the world market; and

WHEREAS, farmers can get a fifty percent (50%) advance on these payments; and

WHEREAS, the federal government requires pay back on these advanced deficiency payments if the market price exceeds the target price; and

WHEREAS, farmers in Oklahoma are currently being required to pay back these payments because the market price for winter wheat and cotton is exceeding the target price; and

WHEREAS, the paying back of these payments is causing a hardship for the winter wheat and cotton producers because the production levels of these crops were significantly lower for 1995.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature memorializes the United States Congress to waive the paying back of the advanced deficiency payments for the producers of winter wheat and cotton.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature encourages the other four top winter wheat producing states of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Washington and the top five cotton producing states of Arizona, California, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas to pass legislation memorializing the United States Congress to waive the paying back of the advanced deficiency payments for the producers of winter wheat and cotton.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Senate, each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, and the Speaker of the House and the President of the

Senate of the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia,
Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, Texas and Washington.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 28th day of
February, 1996.

of Speaker of the House
Representative
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Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1996.

Senate President of the