

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1019

By: Pope (Clay) and Glover of  
the House

and

Price of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to enact legislation restoring the safety net for agriculture; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, family farmers and rural communities have experienced in the past year depressed economic well-being because of the lowest wheat prices since the turn of the century, the lowest feed grain prices since the 1930s, the lowest oil seed and cattle prices in two decades, and the highest consistent temperatures and lowest recorded rainfall since the 1930s; and

WHEREAS, these low prices are being experienced across all commodities and are projected to remain at current low levels indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom to Farm Act took away from family farmers and ranchers the "safety net" which had been a part of the law since the 1930's; and

WHEREAS, this "safety net" was protection against unfair trade practices, low commodity prices and extreme weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, the input costs of farming including land taxes, equipment and production costs continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, low livestock and commodity prices have greatly eroded the equity that generations of family farmers have built; and

WHEREAS, these market conditions are disproportionately affecting smaller operations that make up the majority of farms and

ranches across the country which in turn threatens the economic stability of rural communities in many states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby memorializes the United States Congress to enact legislation to restore the "safety net" for family farmers so that these farmers and the rural communities of which they are a part can remain productive.

THAT copies of this resolution shall be sent to each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Senate and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 30th day of March, 1999.

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Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

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President of the Senate