

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 48th Legislature (2002)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 66

By: Capps and Price of the
Senate

and

Bonny and Langmacher of
the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution urging Congress to quickly pass a Farm Bill; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Farm Bill currently being negotiated in the United States Congress has not yet been resolved for this year; and

WHEREAS, if a new farm bill is not passed soon, implementation for some commodity programs may be set aside for one year; and

WHEREAS, the planting season for many crops will begin soon. Because of possible changes in the federal law, farmers cannot plan the direction of this year's crops. Indecision of the Congress may cause less production because no one can give the farmer precise guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's rural economy will be drastically affected if valid guidance is not given immediately. According to Oklahoma State University research, the farmer's dollar turns at least seven times in the Oklahoma economy. Under the pending Farm Bill, there may be reduction in production; but with farmers not knowing the guidelines to follow, there will be even more drastic economic effects in this state if this issue is not addressed now; and

WHEREAS, being able to use higher yields would benefit Oklahoma growers due to production yields in Oklahoma having suffered from the extreme weather conditions of the last four years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature urges Congress to quickly
pass a farm bill that protects the farmer by allowing for stability
in the economy and agricultural communities in Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma's
Congressional Delegation, the U.S. Senate Majority Leader, and the
Chair and ranking Minority member of the Agriculture Committee in
both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

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