

FARM BILL

**THESE DAYS, EVERYONE
SEEMS TO BE ASKING ME IF
AGRICULTURE WILL DO ITS PART
TO HELP BALANCE THE FEDERAL
BUDGET. I DON'T NEED TO
REMINDE YOU THAT AMERICA'S
FARMERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED
TO REDUCING THE DEFICIT TIME**

**AND TIME AGAIN -- ESPECIALLY
OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS. I
BELIEVE THAT AGRICULTURE IS
WILLING TO DO ITS FAIR SHARE,
AS LONG AS EVERY OTHER
PROGRAM -- FROM A TO Z -- IS
WILLING TO SHOULDER PART OF
THE BUDGET BURDEN.**

AS WE WRITE THE 1995

**FARM BILL, THERE ARE A FEW
TOP PRIORITIES THAT I'LL BE
FOCUSING ON. IN MY VIEW, WE
MUST PROVIDE FARMERS WITH
SOME ASSURANCE OF LONG-
TERM VIABILITY. CONGRESS
NEEDS TO FOCUS ON BOOSTING
THE FARMERS' BOTTOM LINE. I
BELIEVE WE CAN START BY
LETTING FARMERS FARM. IN**

**OTHER WORDS, REDUCE THE
REGULATORY, TAX AND
PAPERWORK BURDENS THAT
FARMERS DEAL WITH EVERY
DAY.**

**WE MUST ALSO CONSIDER
HOW TO PROMOTE U.S. FARM
PRODUCTS IN WORLD MARKETS.
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, AMERICAN**

**FARMERS ARE THE MOST
COMPETITIVE IN THE WORLD -- IF
THEY ARE ON A LEVEL PLAYING
FIELD. NO ONE KNOWS THIS
BETTER THAN FARM BUREAU
MEMBERS. TO TAKE FULL
ADVANTAGE OF OUR NEW TRADE
OPPORTUNITIES, WE NEED TO
GET MORE "BANG FOR THE
BUCK" FROM OUR EXPORT-**

**EXPANSION PROGRAMS. BY
ENCOURAGING VALUE-ADDED
EXPORTS, WE CAN ENHANCE
RURAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND
STIMULATE RURAL
EMPLOYMENT.**

**LET ME ALSO SAY THAT I
AM COMMITTED TO KEEPING OUR
FARMERS THE MOST EFFICIENT**

**AND PROGRESSIVE IN THE
WORLD. TO DO THAT, WE NEED
TO EXPAND THE MONEY SPENT
ON AGRICULTURE RESEARCH. IF
WE HAVE TO REDUCE FARM
PROGRAM SPENDING IN ORDER
TO FUND RESEARCH, THEN I
BELIEVE THAT'S A TRADE WORTH
MAKING.**

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

**I WANT TO COMMEND THE
KANSAS FARM BUREAU FOR
MAKING PRIVATE PROPERTY
RIGHTS ONE OF ITS TOP ISSUES.
AS CONGRESS ADDRESSES THE
ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT,
WETLANDS REFORM AND OTHER
PRIVATE PROPERTY ISSUES, I**

**BELIEVE WE SHOULD SEND A
VERY CLEAR SIGNAL TO THE
PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THIS
LEGISLATION. THE MESSAGE IS
THAT THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE IN
THE BUSINESS OF TAKING
PRIVATE PROPERTY. ON THE
OPENING DAY OF THE 104TH
CONGRESS, I INTRODUCED S. 22**

**THE PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS
ACT OF 1995. THIS LEGISLATION
REQUIRES AGENCIES TO
CONDUCT TAKINGS IMPACT
ASSESSMENTS WHEN CREATING
POLICY AND REGULATIONS.**

**I AM NOW WORKING WITH
SENATORS BROWN, HATCH,
GRAMM, SHELBY, NICKLES AND
OTHERS TO CRAFT AN OMNIBUS**

**PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS BILL,
WHICH COMBINES SEVERAL
CURRENT PROPOSALS. WE HOPE
TO INTRODUCE THIS
LEGISLATION IN THE NEAR
FUTURE AND BEGIN HEARINGS IN
THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
SHORTLY THEREAFTER.**

CONCLUSION

**NO DOUBT ABOUT IT,
REPUBLICANS HAVE A CLEAR
AGENDA. AS ALWAYS, I LOOK
FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
THE KANSAS FARM BUREAU TO
ACHIEVE OUR GOALS.**