

SENATE RESOLUTION

TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO URGE CONGRESS TO INCLUDE SOYBEANS AS A PROGRAM CROP UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL PRICE SUPPORT ACT OR ANY OTHER PROPOSED FARM BILL.

WHEREAS, under the Agricultural Price Support Act Congress established a program which sought to insure participating farmers a minimum return per unit for certain agricultural crop production; and

WHEREAS, under the Price Support Act, program crops such as cotton, rice and corn are given a target price and the farmer will receive the difference between that price and the actual selling price, thus providing the farmer with sufficient return to cover his per unit cost for a specified commodity; and

WHEREAS, soybeans in 1976 were selling for \$6.50 a bushel and in 1985 Arkansas farmers sold the same product for \$5.10 a bushel; and

WHEREAS, under the current farm program, Arkansas soybean farmers are failing to earn a profit due to circumstances largely beyond their control and they desperately need assistance.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS,

That the Senate does hereby urgently request the Secretary of Agriculture to urge Congress to include soybeans as a program crop under the Agricultural Price Support Act or any other proposed farm bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption of this Resolution a copy hereof be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate, Mr. Hal Moody, to the Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.