

**NOMINATION OF DANIEL ROBERT GLICKMAN, OF KANSAS, TO BE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE**

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Daniel Glickman, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

**ORDER FOR VOTE ON GLICKMAN NOMINATION**

Mr. DOLE. I ask unanimous consent that the vote occur on the confirmation of Mr. Glickman at 10:25 a.m. on Thursday, March 30, 1995.

Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that following the vote on the confirmation of Mr. Glickman, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, Senator HATFIELD is here, and if Members on either side have amendments that could be disposed of this evening following the discussion of the Glickman nomination, which I do not think will take very long, he would be prepared to do that.

I yield the floor.

Mr. LEAHY addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont is recognized.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I rise today in support of the nomination of Dan Glickman to be Secretary of Agriculture. Dan and I have worked together on four farm bills.

No matter how active or informed the members of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry are, we cannot put together a good farm bill without an active administration. I know personally from speaking to the President that Dan Glickman has his confidence. Mr. Glickman has the President's mandate to develop a farm bill that makes sense for both rural Americans and the taxpayers of this country as a whole.

I know that Dan Glickman will be an ideal person to represent this administration as we try to develop farm policies that make sense for farmers, for consumers, for the environment, and for this country.

Dan Glickman was born in Wichita on November 24, 1944. He was first elected to Congress in 1976—just 2 years after I began my service in the Senate.

As a veteran of the House Agriculture Committee, he has mastered the arcane details of U.S. farm programs.

Again and again in his career he has fought to focus farm subsidies on low- and middle-income farmers and tried to increase Federal oversight of the commodity futures markets.

These are battles in which I am proud I was allied with him.

One of the things that I like best about Dan Glickman is his self-deprecating sense of humor. This was highlighted in a recent story in the New York Times. Mr. Glickman was

joking about the Capitol's notorious reputation for abandoning those out of power. Mr. Glickman said, "The only one working in the family now is our son and he won't take our calls."

On the night of his election loss Congressman Glickman commented: "I liken it to a bear market; sometimes the good stocks got hit every bit as much as the bad stocks. In this case, I think I was a good stock."

Fortunately, for all of us, the stock market has shifted direction again. How high Dan Glickman's stock has risen again will be clear tonight when he is overwhelmingly approved by the Senate.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, as the longest sitting member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I welcome the administration's choice to appoint Dan Glickman as Secretary of Agriculture. I have worked with Dan Glickman as a Congressman from the State of Kansas for a number of years. I can attest to his commitment to agricultural issues and I know the qualifications that he brings to the job.

Throughout his 18 years in Congress, he earned a reputation as a Congressman who understands the issues, who listens, and who works with his colleagues to find common ground.

Congressman PAT ROBERTS, Senator NANCY KASSEBAUM, and I introduced Dan to the Senate Agriculture Committee. I think that it is very significant that we three Republicans support this nomination. We may all share a Kansas background, but more importantly we know from working with Dan that he is more interested in solving problems than scoring partisan points.

His experience speaks for itself. He has helped write the last four farm bills—the last one as the chairman of the Subcommittee on Wheat, Soybeans and Feed Grains. We all know that the 1995 farm bill will be difficult to write. The Agriculture Committee's recent hearings have hinted at the tough choices that lie ahead. We will need an experienced, committed advocate at the Department of Agriculture. Dan Glickman recognizes the weaknesses and strengths in our current policies, and the fiscal constraints that will play an important role in shaping our future policies. Above all, he realizes that the foundation of our Nation is American Agriculture.

Mr. President, the people of Kansas are proud of Dan Glickman. I am pleased to recommend him to be Secretary of Agriculture. I, too, hope there will be an overwhelming vote.

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I rise today in support of the nomination of Dan Glickman to become the next Secretary of Agriculture. Dan and I are long-time friends, and share a mutual appreciation and admiration for an agriculture system that provides the wholesome, abundant, and inexpensive food supply that all Americans now enjoy.

For the past 18 years, Dan has ably and effectively served agriculture as a

Member of the House of Representatives, representing Kansas' Fourth District. During his tenure, Dan provided outstanding leadership as a member of the House Committee on Agriculture. Many of us recognize the important role Dan has played in the effort to help U.S. agriculture compete in an increasingly global marketplace by expanding and strengthening our country's export programs. Dan also has been instrumental in congressional efforts to improve U.S. grain quality standards, making our commodity exports more attractive to potential foreign buyers.

I know Dan to be a competent, thoughtful, and articulate spokesman for agriculture. He has forged strong relationships with producers, agribusinesses, and legislators. These relationships will prove invaluable as he begins his work as Secretary of Agriculture.

Mr. President, rural communities depend on a vibrant and prosperous agriculture industry to support schools, churches, hospitals, community organizations, and main street businesses. I firmly believe that a key to our economic prosperity is the continued emphasis on American exports. During this year's farm bill debate, we must commit ourselves to crafting agriculture policy that allows our producers to compete in the 21st century, global marketplace, strengthening our rural communities in the process. It is also imperative that we continue to look for ways to improve effective programs, while eliminating costly, obsolete programs. Dan Glickman will play a vital role in achieving this ambitious, yet attainable goal.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today in support of the confirmation of Dan Glickman as the Secretary of Agriculture.

The post of Secretary of Agriculture is important to this Senator and vital to American agriculture. His confirmation will bring an outstanding advocate for farmers to the Clinton administration.

Agriculture in this Nation is very diverse. While on the surface Kansas and Montana agriculture are similar—we produce wheat and beef—there are some significant differences as well. And there are myriad variations in the agricultural industry which is found across this Nation.

As we focus our attention on the 1995 farm bill, he will bring an expertise to this debate which will be critical and beneficial to all—but especially to our farmers. His experience, knowledge, and skill will help us guide farm policy into the 21st century. I look forward to working with him on that important task.

With the confirmation of Dan Glickman, I am confident that help is on the way in dealing with several crises facing Montana. While I am concerned about the closure of the region I Forest