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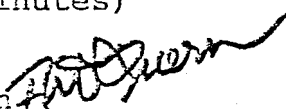
September 11, 1976

SIGNING CEREMONY FOR H.R. 8410
AMENDMENTS TO THE PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ACT

Monday, September 13, 1976

2:00 p.m. (15 minutes)

The Rose Garden

From: Jim Cannon 

I. PURPOSE

To sign enrolled bill H.R. 8410, which amends the Packers and Stockyards Act to give livestock producers greater protection.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

- A. Background: You have agreed to sign H.R. 8410, which assures that livestock producers will receive payment for livestock sold to meat packers and provides producers with other financial protections.

Last summer you directed the Department of Agriculture to oppose an early version of this legislation because it was argued that it would be contrary to your regulatory reform effort and unnecessarily increase budget and industry costs. Subsequently, after Governor Ray, Secretary Butz and others urged reconsideration of this position, you approved Secretary Butz's request for authority to attempt to work with Congress in developing an acceptable legislative compromise.

The bill you are signing today provides livestock producers with increased financial protection and is enthusiastically supported by farm state producers and their political representatives.

B. Participants:

Jack Knebel, Under Secretary of the Department
of Agriculture

Dick Feltner, Assistant Secretary of the Department
of Agriculture

Marvin McLain, Department of Agriculture Packers
and Stockyards Administrator

Jo Anne Doddy-Fort, National Governors' Conference

Elliott Alman, National Association of Counties

Early Mackey, Director, National Conference of
State Legislatures

Nancy Grden, National Conference of State Legislatures

Staff: Jim Cannon

Max Friedersdorf

Paul Leach

Congressional Participants listed at Tab A.

Industry Participants listed at Tab B.

C. Press Plan: To be announced; full press coverage

III. TALKING POINTS

To be supplied by Bob Orben.

INDUSTRY PARTICIPANTS

Allan Grant - National President of American Farm Bureau
Federation
John Datt - Director of Farm Bureau Washington Office
Harry Bell - President of South Carolina Farm Bureau
Dick Johnson - President of Missouri Farm Bureau
John Scott - Master of the National Grange
Robert Frederick - Washington Legislative Representative
of the National Grange
Bill McMillan - Executive Vice President of American National
Cattlemen's Association
Donald Hunter - President of National Livestock Feeders
Association
Don Magdanz - Executive Vice President of National Livestock
Feeders Association
Bill Jones - Executive Vice President of National Livestock
Feeders Association
Virgil Huseman - Kansas Livestock Association
Floyd Fairleigh - President of Kansas Livestock Association
Feeders Council

ACTION

THE WHITE HOUSE

Last Day: September 13

WASHINGTON

September 11, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNON *ADD*

SUBJECT:

H.R. 8410 - Livestock Packer Bonding

Attached for your consideration is H.R. 8410, sponsored by Representatives Thone and Bergland.

The enrolled bill would make constructive amendments to the Packers and Stockyards Act to assure that livestock producers will receive payment for livestock sold to meat packers.

A detailed discussion of the provisions of the bill is provided in OMB's enrolled bill report at Tab A.

OMB, Max Friedersdorf, Counsel's Office (Lazarus) and I recommend approval of the enrolled bill and the proposed signing statement which has been cleared by the White House Editorial Office (Smith).

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign H.R. 8410 at Tab B.

That you approve the signing statement at Tab C.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 9, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM: WILLIAM W. NICHOLSON *WWN*

SUBJECT: Approved Presidential Activity

Please take the necessary steps to implement the following and confirm with Mrs. Nell Yates, ext. 2699. The appropriate briefing paper should be submitted to Dr. David Hoopes by 4:00 p.m. of the preceding day.

Meeting: Signing Ceremony for the Packers and Stockyards Act, H. R. 8410

Date: Mon., Sept. 13, '76 Time: 2:00 p.m. Duration: 15 mins.

Location:

Press Coverage:

Purpose: This bill will provide protection for midwestern livestock producers.

cc: Mr. Cheney
Mr. Hartmann
Mr. Marsh
Dr. Connor
Dr. Hoopes
Mr. Nessen
Mr. Jones
Mr. Smith
Mr. O'Donnell
Mrs. Yates
Col. Riley
Mrs. Gemmell
Mr. Cannon
Mr. Leach
Mr. Orben