

Budget, president could face fight on farm payment limits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The idea behind President Bush's proposal to limit crop subsidies is to stop big corporate farming operations from gobbling up most of the government payments, but smaller farmers say they'd be hurt too.

"If you want to do away with family farms, do away with subsidies," said Daryl Burney, a cotton farmer with a 1,000-acre operation in Coffeeville, Miss.

"We're dependent on subsidies to survive. The profit margin on the farm is so narrow right now, you

can't afford any mistakes."

Bush wants to lower the maximum amount that farmers may collect, which Burney said would cut into his income.

Burney's subsidy checks don't always reach the current limit, but, he said, they come close enough that "we would blow the cap slap off" under the president's new budget.

As part of his budget for the next fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, Bush on Monday proposed dropping payment ceilings from \$360,000 to

\$250,000 and closing loopholes that have allowed some to claim millions of dollars in payments. He also called for an across-the-board cut of 5 percent for all farm payments.

"That will save the American taxpayer \$1.2 billion over the next decade," Bush said Tuesday in a speech to the Detroit Economic Club.

"These are the kind of reforms that are necessary to earn the trust of the American people."

Southerners like Burney would

feel new limits more keenly because their crops of rice and cotton cost more to grow and get higher subsidies. They're not alone. Growers of other commodities — wheat, corn, soybeans — say they can't withstand cuts of any kind now that prices for many of their crops are falling.

The president already has a fight on his hands.

Southern growers have friends in high places, among them Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Thad Cochran, R-Miss., and

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga.

Cochran criticized the budget plan for attempting to cut Southern agriculture "while leaving other regions largely untouched by the budget knife."

Chambliss said it's unfair to slash crop subsidies without reducing payments that other farmers get through conservation programs. "Does that treat all farmers fairly? I don't think so," he said.

Still, there is plenty of support in Congress for limiting payments. Both the House and Senate voted by wide margins for a strict \$275,000 cap when lawmakers debated the 2002 farm bill.

But with both parties at that time seeking a farm vote crucial to the outcome of the 2002 midterm elections, House and Senate negotiators upped the ceiling to \$360,000 and left loopholes that have allowed some to claim millions of dollars in payments, all with the acquiescence of the White House.

Now, those who have wanted to close the loopholes have a new ally in Bush. Sen. Charles Grassley, who has led the effort to limit payments, said the president is serious.

"The administration showed no interest in it until now. They're looking for ways to save money, and this is one of the most intellectually honest ways to save money," said Grassley, R-Iowa. "They came to us."

Rural groups and environmental advocates say the current system encourages big farming operations to grow bigger, squashing smaller operations in the process.

"The way the big boys grow is by buying up their weaker, smaller neighbor," said Ken Cook, president of Environmental Defense, an advocacy group that analyzes Agriculture Department programs.

"If you're getting a constant flow of big government checks, that gives you just that more of an edge to invest when someone sells a farm."

NATO won't be world's policeman, Rice says

BRUSSELS (AP) — The expanding NATO alliance can be a bulwark for freedom without playing policeman to the world, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said as she neared the end of a European tour that included visits to both old and newer NATO members.

"How NATO's role will evolve, I think, is still an open question, but we need to be open to new roles that NATO might play," Rice said Tuesday in Paris.

She visits alliance headquarters Wednesday for an informal luncheon with NATO foreign ministers.

Shortly before flying from Paris to Brussels, Rice told an interviewer that Iran needs to realize it cannot use a European diplomatic initiative to indefinitely delay having the United Nations consider its suspected nuclear weapons program.

"The Iranians need to hear that if they are unwilling to take the deal ... the Europeans are giving ... then the Security Council referral looms," she said in an interview with Fox News.

"I don't know that anyone has said that as clearly as they should to the Iranians," she said in a reiteration U.S. policy.

Alliance officials said her NATO visit would focus on preparations for a visit by President Bush on Feb. 22, when he will hold a summit with leaders of the other 25 allied nations.

NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer wants the meetings to seal a new unity in the trans-Atlantic alliance following bitter divisions over the Iraq war.

The talks are also expected to review NATO's peacekeeping mis-

sions in Afghanistan and Kosovo and its efforts to train Iraq's military. De Hoop Scheffer said last month's elections in Iraq — which were widely applauded in Europe — should boost allied efforts to expand its training mission.

Alliance defense ministers are set to discuss expanding both the Afghan and Iraq missions at a long-scheduled meeting Wednesday and Thursday.

NATO has been struggling to persuade governments to commit extra troops to both its missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. In Iraq, the problem has been compounded by the refusal of France, Germany and other nations that opposed the U.S.-led war to send instructors.

NATO currently has about 100 troops in Iraq on the training mission.

Rice's visit to NATO is part of an eight-day tour of Europe and the Middle East that included a speech on U.S. foreign policy in Paris.

"I do not think that NATO needs to become the policeman of the world," Rice said in Paris. "I think that would be asking too much of this alliance."

"It is a bulwark for democratic states, and it can therefore play an

important role in the spread of democracy and liberty, but we have other means," Rice said at a news conference with French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier.

The trans-Atlantic alliance now includes countries far removed from its Cold War-era roots in Western Europe, and has numerous peacekeeping and military operations around the world.

"NATO has a very important role to play, but we should be very clear

Public Notice

RESOLUTION 2005-3

BE IT RESOLVED: By the Board of County Commissioners of Thomas County, Kansas, this 24th day of January, 2005, that the sum of NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX AND 83/100 DOLLARS (\$9,186.83) be transferred from the Thomas County Special Equipment Fund to North Randall Township General Fund.

Board of County Commissioners

Thomas County, Kansas

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ATTEST: *Shelly G. Harms*
Shelly G. Harms, County Clerk

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
Thomas COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Thomas County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 22 day of February, 2004, at 6:30 a.m.(p.m) an annual meeting of the Thomas County Conservation District will be held at the Thomas County 4-H Building located on the Thomas County Fairgrounds, 1100 W Cedar, Colby, Kansas 67701.

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items:

ONE:

The supervisors of the Thomas County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

TWO:

They shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors, there present, of two supervisors to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The term of David Tole and Jon Starns is expiring.

All in the county of Thomas in the State of Kansas.

By *James L. Brown*
Chairperson

Thomas County Conservation District

Attest: *Amelia Kow*
Manager/Secretary

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WEEKDAYS

FEBRUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 14

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	News		Good Morning America				Mak-over	Judge-Brown	The View		Millionaire	News
KSNK/NBC 3 (8)	News Cont'd		Today						Live With Regis and Kelly		In the Heat of the Night	
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News		The Early Show				The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG 2 (2)	BBC World	Yoga	Body Electric	Caillou	Beren. Bears	Barney-Friends	Sesame Street		Dragon Tales	Beren. Bears	Mister Rogers	Teletub-bies
USA 34 (34)	Coach	Coach	Movie		Varied Programs							
TBS 35 (35)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Movie				Dawson's Creek		Dawson's Creek		Ed	
WGN 36 (36)	Changing	Believer Voice	Happy Days	Happy Days	Hillbilies	Hillbilies	Matlock		In the Heat of the Night		Magnum, P.I.	
TNT 37 (37)	The Pretender	Angel			Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy	
NICK 43 (43)	Oddpar-ents	Jimmy Neutron	Rugrats	SpongeBob	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Miss Spider	Lazy-Town	Backyardigans	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Little Bill
FAM 46 (46)	Digimon-Digital	Digimon-Digital	Power Rangers	Bey-blade	3rd Rock	Living the Life	The 700 Club		Gilmore Girls		Full House	Full House
DSC 50 (50)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Monster House		The Party Planner With David Tutera		Surprise by Design		Designer Guys	Designer Guys
A&E 53 (53)	Biography	Movie	Varied Programs				Murder, She Wrote		Third Watch		City Confidential	
ESPN 56 (56)	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	Varied		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	Varied
HBO 14 (14)	Movie	Varied	Movie	Varied Programs					Movie		Varied Programs	
MAX 29 (29)	Movie Cont'd		Movie	Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs	
DISN 44 (44)	Koala Brothers	The Wiggles	Higgly-town	JoJo's Circus	The Wiggles	Stanley	Rolie Polie	PB&J Otter	Out of the Box	The Wiggles	Koala Brothers	Higgly-town

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 10

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	Extreme Make-over: Seven people get the makeovers of their dreams. (N) (CC)			PrimeTime Live (CC)			News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live: Jen Scheff. (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Joe's (N) (CC)	Will & Grace	The Apprentice: Soap Dopes (CC)		ER Shortness of Breath (N) (CC)		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)		Late Night
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N)		Without a Trace (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman		Late Night
K15CG (2) (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Sun-flower	Kansas Spotlight	The New This Old House Hour (CC)		Minding	Freedom	BBC World	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
USA (34) (34)	Medical Investigation (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		Movie: Out for a Kill ★½ (2003) An archaeologist battles Chinese drug smugglers. Steven Seagal. (CC)				Movie: Riding the Bullet ★★ (2004) Jonathan Jackson. (CC)			
TBS (35) (35)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: Bad Boys (1995) Two Miami cops attempt to recover stolen police evidence.				Movie: Bad Boys (1995) Two Miami cops attempt to recover stolen police evidence.			
WGN (36) (36)	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	TV in Black: The First Fifty Years		Oscar's Black Odyssey		WGN News at Nine (CC)		B:cker (CC)	B:cker (CC)	Home Delivery (N)	
TNT (37) (37)	Law & Order: SVU (CC) (DVS)		NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Detroit Pistons. Palace of Auburn Hills. (Live) (CC)				NBA Basketball: Sacramento Kings at Seattle Sonics. KeyArena. (Live) (CC)					
NICK (43) (43)	Jimmy Neutron	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Romeo! (CC)	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Roseanne	Murphy Brown	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
FAM (46) (46)	Smallville: Dichotic (CC)		Movie: Lucky 7 (2003) A lawyer believes that her true love has arrived too soon.				Whose Line? (CC)		Whose Line? (CC)		The 700 Club (CC)	
DSC (50) (50)	American Chopper: Black Widow 2 (CC)		Monster Nation (N)		The Hope Diamond (N)		American Casino (N)		Monster Nation		The Hope Diamond	
A&E (53) (53)	American Justice: A Son's Confession		Cold Case: Files: A man stands trial for a murder committed at age 15. (CC)				The First 48 (CC)		Crossing Jordan: Blue Christmas (CC)		Cold Case: Files (CC)	
ESPN (56) (56)	College Basketball: North Carolina State at Wake Forest. (Live) (CC)		Tilt (N) (CC)		Tilt (N) (CC)		Tilt (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		Tilt (CC)	
HBO (14) (14)	(5:30) Movie: Con:heads (1993)		Inside the NFL: NFL news and highlights.			Movie: Intolerable Cruelty ★★ (2003, Romance-Comedy) George Clooney. (CC)			Taxicab Confessions		Inside the NFL: NFL news and highlights.	
MAX (29) (29)	Movie: The Postman ★½ (1997, Adventure) A postal worker inspires U.S. citizens to fight in 2013. Kevin Costner. (CC)		Movie: Old School ★★ (2003, Comedy) Luke Wilson. (CC)				Movie: Old School ★★ (2003, Comedy) Luke Wilson. (CC)		Thrills (CC)		Movie: Voyeur Beach (2002) (CC)	
DISN (44) (44)	That's Raven	That's Raven	Movie: Home:ward Bound: The Incredible Journey ★★ (1993) (CC)			Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	That's Raven	That's Raven	Proud Family	Kim Possible	

WEEKDAYS

FEBRUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 14

	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	The Jane Pauley Show	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wid News				
KSNK/NBC 3 (8)	News	Inside Edition	Days of our Lives	Passions	The Insider	Jeopardy!	News	NBC News				
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Dr. Phil	Oprah Winfrey	News	CBS News				
K15CG 2 (2)	Reading Rainbow	Lions	Varied Programs	Clifford-Red	Post-cards	Arthur	Maya & Miguel	Cyber-chase	Zoom	Busi-ness		
USA 34 (34)	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs							JAG			
TBS 35 (35)	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
WGN 36 (36)	News	Rockford Files	Magnum, P.I.	America's Funniest Home Videos	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Home Improve.	Will & Grace				
TNT 37 (37)	Judging Amy	NYPD Blue	Law & Order	Law & Order	Angel		Charmed					
NICK 43 (43)	Backyardigans	Lazy-Town	Rugrats	Rugrats	CatDog	Rocket Power	Oddpar-ents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Rock Star	U-Pick	Rugrats
FAM 46 (46)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House	Gilmore Girls		7th Heaven	
DSC 50 (50)	Surprise by Design	The Party Planner With David Tutera	Dude Room	Garage Takeover	Monster Nation	Monster Garage						
A&E 53 (53)	American Justice	Movie	Varied Programs	Murder, She Wrote	Third Watch	City Confidential						
ESPN 56 (56)	Varied Programs				1st & 10	NFL Live	Around the Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter			
HBO 14 (14)	Movie	Varied Programs			Movie	Varied Programs						
MAX 29 (29)	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie		Varied Programs							
DISN 44 (44)	JoJo's Circus	Stanley	House of Mouse	Recess	Lilo & Stitch	Recess	Lilo & Stitch	Varied Programs	Kim Possible	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 11

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	Hope & Faith (N)	Less-Perfect	20/20 (CC)	News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)		
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Dateline NBC (CC)	Third Watch Revelations (N) (CC)	Medical Investigation (CC)	News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night				
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Joan of Arcadia Romancing the Joan	JAG Fit for Duty (N) (CC) (DVS)	NUMB3RS Structural Corruption	News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late				
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Wash. Week	Wall-Fortune	Market-Market	Kansas Legislature	Kansas Week	BBC World	Red Green	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)			
USA (34)	JAG The Promised Land (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order: SVU	Monk (CC)	Monk Mr. Monk Gets Stuck in Traffic	Law & Order: SVU	Monk Mr. Monk Gets Stuck in Traffic						
TBS (35)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: A Night at the Roxbury ★½ (1998, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Chris Kattan. (CC)	Movie: A Night at the Roxbury ★½ (1998, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Chris Kattan. (CC)	Movie: A Night at the Roxbury ★½ (1998, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Chris Kattan. (CC)	Movie: A Night at the Roxbury ★½ (1998, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Chris Kattan. (CC)	Movie: A Night at the Roxbury ★½ (1998, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Chris Kattan. (CC)	Movie: A Night at the Roxbury ★½ (1998, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Chris Kattan. (CC)	Movie: A Night at the Roxbury ★½ (1998, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Chris Kattan. (CC)	Movie: A Night at the Roxbury ★½ (1998, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Chris Kattan. (CC)
WGN (36)	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	Movie: Lord of the Flies ★★ (1990, Drama) Balhazar Getty, Chris Furrh.	Movie: Dead Presidents ★★½ (1995, Drama) Larenz Tate, Keith David.	WGN News at Nine (CC)	Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	Home Delivery (N)				
TNT (37)	Law & Order Damaged Goods	Law & Order Under God (CC) (DVS)	Danny Phantom	Grown Up Teenage Robot	SpongeBob	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Roseanne	Murphy Brown	
NICK (43)	Jimmy Neutron	Oddparents	Movie: One Fine Day ★★½ (1996, Comedy) Michelle Pfeiffer.	Whose Line? (CC)	Whose Line? (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)	Precious in His Sight					
FAM (46)	Smallville Magnetic (CC)	American Chopper Biketober (CC)	American Chopper Leno Bike 2 (CC)	Southern Steel Nuthin' Fancy Part 2	American Hot Rod '63 Chevy Sting Ray	American Chopper Leno Bike 2 (CC)	Southern Steel Nuthin' Fancy Part 2	A&E 53 (53)	American Justice: The Monster Inside	Biography Michael Landon: Best Intentions (CC)	Biography: Michael Landon	
ESPN (56)	Sports-Center	NBA	NBA Basketball: Denver Nuggets at Cleveland Cavaliers. Gund Arena. (Live) (CC)	NBA Basketball: Dallas Mavericks at Sacramento Kings. ARCO Arena. (Live) (CC)								
HBO (14)	Inside the NFL NFL news and highlights.		Movie: The Last Samurai ★★ (2003) A Westerner learns the ways of the samurai in the 1870s. (CC)				Constantine	Unscripted	Movie: The Matrix ★★ (1999, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves. (CC)			
MAX (29)	Movie: Boogie Nights ★★½ (1997, Drama) A naive teen becomes a star in the late '70s porn industry. Mark Wahlberg.					Movie: S.W.A.T. (2003) A Los Angeles SWAT team must protect a criminal. (CC)			Erotic	Movie:		
DISN (44)	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Movie: Lilo & Stitch ★★ (2002, Comedy) (CC)	Movie: Lilo & Stitch (2002) Animated. A lonely girl befriends a mischievous alien.	That's-Raven	Whiskers	Kim Possible					