

Farmstead compromise

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Sutton Sen. Rod Johnson, sponsor of LB3, said he was not satisfied with the compromise amendment, but it would be difficult to pass the bill without it.

Without the amendment, DeCamp said, all the bill does is "shut off credit to the one group you claim you're trying to save."

The amendment doesn't change the law, but merely makes provisions for small farmers if the original bill hampers credit, DeCamp said.

Second-round debate on LBI dealt with minor adjustments to the central filing system, which federal law says

must be in place by Dec. 24. Supporters say such a system, which records all liens against farm products on a computer, would serve farmers better than the direct-notification system that would be imposed after that date.

DeCamp won 26-0 approval of an amendment that would require plaintiffs to prove gross negligence, rather than simple negligence, to successfully sue local officials based on errors in the system. Senators also approved, 26-1, an amendment by Anselmo Sen. Howard Lamb that would have lenders remind farmers who have repaid debts of their option to have their names taken off the system.

Local committee to form 'blueprint for action'

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Local government needs to develop an attitude of caring which will facilitate the small efforts of community members. Regulations of police and liquor licensing can be two of many ways to push drug prevention.

A community needs to set norms that encourage abstinence.

The community needs to be informed about alcohol and drugs. However, he said, the media doesn't have to inundate the community with stories and information. People simply need to be reminded occasionally, he said.

Americans will have to learn to be comfortable with moderate drinking, he said.

"We've forgotten our manners," he said. "People who entertain should have non-alcoholic drinks. Non-drinkers shouldn't be made to feel uncomfortable, but special. This is what should determine who is the 'hostess with the mostess.'"

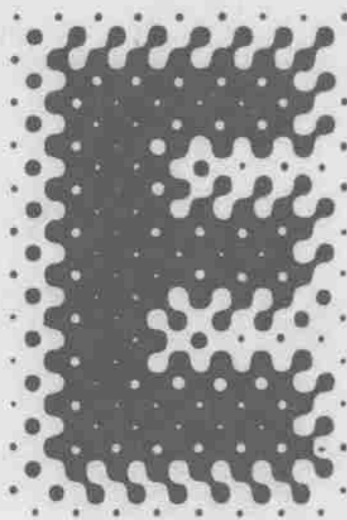
This idea can be incorporated in university towns, he said. Dry bars, similar to the coffee houses of the 1960s, are successful in Minnesota, he said, where the drinking age was recently raised to 21. The bars offer good entertainment and a way to socialize and meet people of the opposite sex without having drugs or alcohol around, he said.

"I'm harping on alcohol," he said, "because it is the stuff that almost every drug user uses."

Alcohol is the only legal drug in the United States, he said, and is usually the starting point for further drug addiction.

Luedtke said that people representing all areas of Lincoln met Tuesday to discuss ways to prevent drug abuse in Lincoln. A liaison committee will be formed from each of these groups, he said, to create a "blueprint for action."

The committee will meet again in one year to determine if the policies formed can work, he said.



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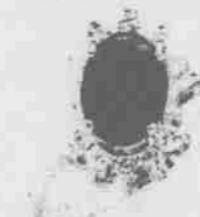


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