

Jennifer Harbury has been trying to get the facts about her husband ever since she learned for sure that he was captured alive. She still does not know when her husband died, how he died, who killed him and what was done with his body. She is like the widows and mothers of tens of thousands of other Guatemalan victims of the army's brutality and impunity, but at least one would hope that her own Government would give her whatever information it has that might lead to answers.

Any information concerning the fate of Ms. Harbury's husband should be promptly turned over to her.

Mr. President, the deaths of Michael DeVine and Efrain Bamaca are but two examples of the tragic consequences of many disgraceful relationships our intelligence agencies have cultivated in Central America. They have given money and protection to the worst criminals. They have withheld information from the White House, the State Department and the Congress, and from American citizens who are the victims of their intrigues. They have even behaved like criminals themselves.

What is this intelligence for? It causes the murder of innocent people. It corrupts. It obstructs justice. It is contrary to our policy. There is no national interest in that.

Mr. President, with a new director of intelligence about to take office, it is long past time to take whatever steps are necessary, and I mean whatever steps, to ensure that this kind of activity stops once and for all. People paid by the CIA should be warned that they will not be shielded if they commit murder or other gross violations of human rights. And the Congress should have prompt access to information from any government agency about the fate of American citizens or their relatives. If the law needs to be changed to make that happen, then let us change the law.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now go into executive session to consider Executive Calendar No. 50, the nomination of Daniel Robert Glickman to be Secretary of Agriculture.

The clerk will report the nomination.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be 10 minutes of debate equally divided in the usual form.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Indiana.

Mr. LUGAR. I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, I support the nomination of Dan Glickman to be Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Glickman is a former chairman of the House Intelligence Committee and was, for 18 years a highly respected member of the House Agriculture Committee. Senators involved in agricultural debates and conferences with the House know Dan Glickman as a conscientious, studious, and thoughtful legislator.

Mr. Glickman will begin his tenure at an important moment in the Agriculture Department's history. USDA is among the largest Federal Departments. It comprises agencies that oversee national forests, administer the School Lunch Program, distribute food stamps, and provide agricultural supports.

In essence, 43 branches of USDA will be consolidated into 29 under the reform legislation adopted by the Congress last year. Thus, USDA is in need of strong leadership and direction at this moment. It requires active management by a Secretary who is knowledgeable, engaged, and assertive. Only in this way can the Department effectively implement its much needed reorganization. Only through vigorous leadership can the Department guide the development of the 1995 farm bill. The omnibus legislation we are about to consider in Congress will reauthorize many of USDA's programs. So far, the administration has made no proposals to the Congress detailing its views on what should be in that farm bill.

The nominee has stated that he will become involved immediately in developing administration positions on the farm bill. Senate hearings on the subject have already commenced. It is important that the new Secretary be confirmed promptly.

Mr. Glickman appeared before the Agriculture Committee of the Senate on March 21 and his nomination was favorably reported on March 23 by a unanimous vote. He answered Senators' questions on a wide variety of topics and was presented to the committee by our distinguished majority leader, Senator DOLE; the chairman of the Labor and Human Resources Committee, Senator KASSEBAUM; and the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Mr. Roberts. All of these distinguished Kansas legislators spoke highly of him.

In his responses to Senators' questions, Mr. Glickman was forthright and thoughtful. He and I do not agree on every issue, but we expect to work together cordially and cooperatively even when we have differences. I anticipate that there will be many more areas of agreement than disagreement.

Dan Glickman should be confirmed by the Senate as Secretary of Agriculture, and I urge my colleagues to vote for his nomination.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I rise today in support of the nomination of Dan Glickman for the position of Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Glickman is uniquely qualified to lead the Department of Agriculture through this vital time in its history.

For the first time in my career serving in Congress, the very existence of the farm programs is being debated. In past farm bill debates, we have vigorously debated the content and substance of the farm program. But this year we are debating whether any type of farm program is justified.

Some in the agricultural community view this debate as an assault on the traditional way of providing for a stable food supply and a strong agriculture sector. I view this debate as an opportunity to make our case for agriculture. Agriculture contributes 16 percent to this country's gross national product. The United States continues to export more agriculture products than it imports. So in a time when the United States suffers from a substantial trade deficit, agriculture continues to enjoy a trade surplus.

Dan Glickman is well qualified to argue the case in favor of continuing the farm programs. Others have spoken of Mr. Glickman's 18 years in Congress and his work on three prior farm bills. While representing the Fourth Congressional District in Kansas, Mr. Glickman was a champion for the wheat and feed grains programs. Mr. Glickman knows the details of the farm programs, and more importantly, he understands why the country needs to provide a safety net for the family farm system.

I would like to address one issue that Dan has championed from his first days in Congress, an issue in which I also strongly believe. One of the first bills Dan introduced in Congress was a bill to promote the increased use of ethanol, a form of fuel manufactured with the use of corn. From his first days in Congress, Dan advocated the use of alternative fuels in order to promote new uses of agricultural products and promote national security interests by reducing the U.S. dependency on foreign oil. Later, Dan served on the National Alcohol Fuels Commission where he continued to support this vital cause. I urge him to continue to work hard for the interests of alternative uses of agricultural products, and specifically the increased use of ethanol.

Another issue that I would like to urge Dan Glickman to focus on in his

term as Secretary is foreign trade. As I stated earlier, agriculture enjoys a trade surplus. Furthermore, the early evidence indicates that farmers have greatly benefited from recent free-trade agreements such as GATT and NAFTA. I understand that Mr. Glickman's record has been supportive of agricultural trade, although he felt it necessary to vote against the GATT for other reasons. I would just urge Mr. Glickman to do everything within his authority to open new markets for U.S. agricultural exports. As chairman of the Finance Subcommittee on International Trade, I would be happy to work with him on this endeavor.

In closing, I would reiterate my support for the nomination of Daniel Glickman for Secretary of Agriculture and look forward to working with him in his new position.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I am pleased that the President has nominated and the Senate is about to confirm former Congressman Dan Glickman as the new Secretary of Agriculture. He has an encyclopedic knowledge of U.S. and international agriculture and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He will make an excellent addition to the Cabinet. I strongly support his confirmation.

Secretary Glickman and I had a chance to talk recently about Michigan's agricultural picture. I did not have to spend a lot of time impressing him with my knowledge of the vibrancy and diversity of the agriculture sector in Michigan. He was already familiar with it, as he had the good fortune to attend college in Michigan.

Mr. President, I look forward to working with the new Secretary to promote and legislate wise agricultural policy and continuing his predecessor's efforts to improve efficiency at the Department in the coming years. I am particularly looking forward to working with him and the Department on promulgating a Federal marketing order for tart cherries, and getting some of Michigan's most abundant crops and agricultural products, like tart cherries, into the School Lunch Program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question now occurs on the confirmation of the nomination of Daniel Robert Glickman, to be the Secretary of Agriculture.

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays on the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Daniel Robert Glickman, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Agriculture? The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. LOTT. I announce that the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] is necessarily absent.

I also announce that the Senator from Kansas [Mrs. KASSEBAUM] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. GRAMS] are absent due to a death in the family.

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BRADLEY] are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] would each vote "aye."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber who desire to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 94, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 120 Ex.]

YEAS—94

Abraham	Ford	McCain
Akaka	Frist	McConnell
Ashcroft	Glenn	Mikulski
Baucus	Gorton	Moseley-Braun
Bennett	Graham	Moynihan
Biden	Gramm	Murkowski
Bingaman	Grassley	Murray
Bond	Gregg	Nickles
Boxer	Harkin	Nunn
Breaux	Hatch	Packwood
Brown	Hatfield	Pell
Bryan	Heflin	Pressler
Bumpers	Helms	Pryor
Burns	Hollings	Reid
Byrd	Hutchison	Robb
Campbell	Inhofe	Rockefeller
Chafee	Inouye	Roth
Coats	Jeffords	Santorum
Cochran	Johnston	Sarbanes
Cohen	Kempthorne	Simon
Coverdell	Kennedy	Simpson
Craig	Kerrey	Smith
D'Amato	Kerry	Snowe
Daschle	Kohl	Specter
DeWine	Kyl	Stevens
Dodd	Lautenberg	Thomas
Dole	Leahy	Thompson
Domenici	Levin	Thurmond
Exon	Lieberman	Warner
Faircloth	Lott	Wellstone
Feingold	Lugar	
Feinstein	Mack	

NOT VOTING—6

Bradley	Dorgan	Kassebaum
Conrad	Grams	Shelby

So the nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the President will be notified of this action.

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. LEAHY. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the pending business. The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1158) making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Hatfield amendment No. 420, in the nature of a substitute.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon is recognized.

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, I believe we were proceeding under a unanimous-consent agreement reached yesterday relating to the Daschle amendment being laid down at this time. Has that been vitiated?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. It has not.

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that be vitiated at this moment, on the basis that Senator DASCHLE would like to take another opportunity to present his amendment.

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

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, let me just briefly outline the status of this bill, where we are.

I need not say that there are many amendments that we are aware of that have been indicated that many wish us to consider. I will say to the authors of each of those amendments that we are ready to consider those amendments and will be happy to do so.

I have checked with the Republican leader and the Republican leader has indicated support for the matter of pushing this bill to completion today. I say today, and possibly tomorrow—but tomorrow will be 12:01 a.m. onward, not beginning at 10 o'clock tomorrow, if we have to push it over. We are going to continue this bill through the night, if necessary into the a.m., in order to complete this bill.

So, consequently I think everyone ought to be on notice that the time agreements that everyone has been so cooperative on thus far, in reaching time agreements—we would like to be able to consider every amendment and we will consider every amendment, hopefully with some time agreement for each one.

I just make that comment because we must complete this bill tonight. We are, at the same time, I say to my colleagues, functioning on about eight subcommittees in conference on the first appropriations bill. We are doing that right now.

So we will accommodate each Member if we can have a little "heads up" as to the content of your amendments, so we may have the subcommittee chairmen present on the floor when you offer your amendment in order to engage in discourse. Those subcommittee chairmen are now with the House committee chairmen, working out the first supplemental appropriations bill. So give us a few moments in order to secure their presence on the floor to take up and discuss your particular amendment.

If it would be possible, I would like to have the listing, so we can get a little "heads up" ourselves, of what to expect