

little profit on the farm. All that those family farmers ask is to participate in a market system that works. Almost in every instance they discover that all their input costs are increased by the largest corporations in the land that produce these products. And when they go to market with the products they raise, they discover is worth very, very little. When they try to market it up through an income stream, they find that if they are marketing a cow or a hog, they are marketing through packing plants that are too concentrated to have what is called a "free market." And the same is true with grain.

So, Mr. President, in the coming week or so, you are going to see a lot of activity on this issue. Our family farmers deserve the same kind of interest, in their long-term economic health, as the large special interests get here on the floor of the Senate.

The piece that I referenced at the start, written by Curt Anderson, an As-

sociated Press farm writer, referenced a press conference yesterday. To all of those who attended the press conference yesterday, telling us that we have a good solid farm policy, I say nonsense; this farm policy is a miserable failure. Anybody here who cares about family farmers as I do, and anybody here who cares whether we have family farmers in this country's future ought to be coming to the floor of this Senate and helping us change this farm policy to one that really provides some help to families who are struggling in this country, trying to run their family farms.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
JUNE 22, 1998

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 12 noon, Monday, June 22, 1998.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 3:20 p.m., adjourned until Monday, June 22, 1998, at 12 noon.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate June 19, 1998:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10 U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. ROGER G. DEKOK, 0000.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR., OF TEXAS, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE DWIGHT P. ROBINSON, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ERIC DAVID NEWSOM, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, VICE THOMAS E. MCNAMARA, RESIGNED.