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Administration of the government's farm program is "bogging down" at state and county levels in Minnesota, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) charged today in an address before the State Convention of the Minnesota Farmers Union in St. Paul.

Confusion over changing administrative policies and so-called economy cut-backs in personnel have caused "serious trouble" in making the price support program effective this fall, Senator Humphrey declared.

He called attention to the increased delay in getting approval for crop loans and the heavy backlog of loan applications now pending in the state as evidence of the "breakdown" of effective administration.

"Don't blame your elected county committeemen for these troubles," Senator Humphrey declared. "They are doing the best they can in the face of difficult circumstances, trying to keep pace with changing national and state procedures, limited budgets, and regulations taking more and more of the actual administration out of their experienced hands and turning it over to a new echelon of Benson-created bureaucrats".

As far as agriculture is concerned, Senator Humphrey declared, the "supposed increases in efficiency under a 'businessman's administration' has been a complete flop."

"The Administration's highly vaunted efficiency experts have meddled and muddled until they have bogged down the works.

"Efficient administration means more than a nice chart down in Washington. It means efficiently doing the job the agency was created to do -- and as far as the Department of Agriculture is concerned, that should mean serving the farmers.

"Ask yourself today whether you are getting more efficient service from the Department and its agencies -- and ask any farmer in your neighborhood. You won't have to wait long for an answer.

"Now they're not satisfied with the confusion they've already created, and are determined to stir up a lot more under the guise of 'reorganization'. I'm sorry to see great institutions built up in the Department of Agriculture down through the years recklessly wiped out.

"It's about time a halt was called to the experiment of big business trying to show us how to run farm programs, and the job turned back to the people who understand it best -- the farmers themselves," Senator Humphrey declared.

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