

Soil conservation and ecological restoration, support for agricultural infrastructure, and reversing the trend of reduced funding for agricultural research round out their agenda, along with taxing fossil fuels to promote energy efficiency and to reduce environmental damage to health and agriculture. This menu is very different from the panacea of ever-increasing agricultural output through high-input technologies, the standby of agricultural economics to date. But there is little doubt that it is better suited to future needs.

Full House covers such a broad area that many questions about its specific projec-

tions may be justified. Nonetheless, we may hope that its message will shatter the complacency of those who assume that the future will be like the past, with yield increases forever compensating for population and environmental problems. Once this point is accepted, progress on the specifics of population and food policy will be possible.

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INSTITUTE NEWS

Stauber Named Acting Deputy Under Secretary at USDA

Karl Stauber, former vice president of the Northwest Area Foundation and former member of the Wallace Institute's President's Council, has been appointed Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education and Economics. The Wallace Institute has learned that the White House intends to nominate Stauber for the post of Under Secretary later this year. In that role, Stauber would manage USDA's science, technology, and education activities related to food and agriculture.

Before his appointment, he served as the Deputy Under Secretary for Small Community and Rural Development, where he worked on policy development for the Farmers Home Administration, Rural Development Administration, Rural Electrification Administration, and the Agricultural Cooperative Service.

"Karl Stauber would make an outstanding Under Secretary for Science, Education and Economics," said Garth Youngberg, Executive Director of the Wallace Institute. "He has thought long and hard about the role of science and education in meeting the needs of a truly sustainable agriculture in the U.S. He is a balanced and insightful thinker."

When Stauber was vice president of the Northwest Area Foundation, it funded a seven-state, \$4.5 million study of the economic, environmental, and social impacts of sustainable agriculture.

University of Missouri Sociologist is Wallace Institute Visiting Scholar

William D. Heffernan, Department Chair and Professor of Rural Sociology at the University of Missouri-Columbia, is now a visiting scholar at the Wallace Institute, where he will work with the Policy Studies Program. His work with the program's newly launched study of the industrialization of American agriculture and the implications of current structural trends for agricultural sustainability expands upon his comprehensive research on the social causes and consequences of changes in agriculture.

Heffernan, who earned his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, has written more than 100 papers, articles, and book chapters on the changing nature of agriculture and the food system. He has served on numerous national task forces and committees, including the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Alternative Agriculture.

Kenneth J. Taylor, Wallace Board Member, Dies at Age 57

Kenneth J. Taylor, Executive Director and founder of the Minnesota Food Association and a member of the Wallace Institute Board of Directors, died in January at his St. Paul home, nine months after learning he had inoperable brain cancer. He had been elected to the Wallace Board in March 1994. In 1983, he founded the Minnesota Food Association, a nonprofit or-

ganization with 500 members which promotes wise food policies, including sustainable agriculture, and urban-rural awareness of food issues. He also helped to create the Institute for Sustainable Agriculture at the University of Minnesota in 1987, and fought to save the St. Paul Farmers Market in the early 1980s.

"Although Ken was associated with the Institute in a formal sense for only a short period of time, he was well known and widely respected by our board members and 'extended family' of sustainable agriculture supporters," said Garth Youngberg, Executive Director of the Wallace Institute. "We will miss his grace and humor, and his extraordinary efforts on behalf of sustainable agriculture."

Taylor grew up near Forest City, Iowa, and graduated from Mankato State University. He ran a YMCA youth program in Austin, Minnesota, and a Christmas Seals project in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. He also worked for the planning division of United Way and for the Community Planning Organization, which grew out of the United Way, for 12 years. He and his wife, Sandra Menefee Taylor helped to establish the St. Paul Open School.

According to a column written in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, "Taylor created a lasting legacy around food....From farms with sustainable soil and crops."

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Kendra Hunding; two sons, Rustin and Kelly; two brothers, Dennis and Charles; a sister, Barbara Johnson; and four grandchildren.