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# INTERRELIGIOUS TASKFORCE ON U.S. FOOD POLICY

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## MEMORANDUM

May 31, 1978

TO: Headquarters Staff

FROM: Buff Hanes Main

1. Enclosed please find an updated edition of the "Food Policy Legislative Timetable." This replaces the blue one dated May 11, 1978.
2. Many of you will be planning for and attending meetings this summer for your denomination. I remind you that Taskforce publications are for your use and urge you to include them in your materials for denominational meetings.

We have just printed more IMPACT/Food Policy Campaign brochures. A new version with more timely content will be developed later in the summer. In the meantime we will have the regular brochure available for your use.

The following 1978 editions of HUNGER are also available to you. The costs are indicated on the back of each issue:

HUNGER #13, "Federal Programs Dealing with Domestic Hunger"

HUNGER #14, "US Trade Relations with Poor Nations: Suggested Reforms"

HUNGER #15, "US Development Assistance"

HUNGER #16, a title is yet to be determined, but the issue will deal with farm size; publication is scheduled for June or July.

HUNGERS slated for publication later in the year will address the 1978 congressional elections and third world debt and the International Monetary Fund.

Please place your requests for materials as far in advance as you can.

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George A. Chauncey Presbyterian Church in the US Chairman

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## FOOD POLICY LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

May 31, 1978

<u>Date</u>	<u>Domestic Nutrition</u>	<u>Agricultural Policy</u>	<u>International Development</u>	<u>International Economics</u>
May 15	House passed Older Americans Act (HR 12255, Brademas) in a floor vote under suspension of the rules, 361-6.			
May 22-24		Hearings in the Senate Agriculture Committee on "The Emergency Farm Act" (S. 2626, Hodges) to establish a board of agriculture producers who would have a voice in farm policies and set minimum price for commodities based on cost of production.		
May 25			House Appropriations Committee marked-up the international development appropriations.	
May 27-30	House recessed.			
May 27-June 4	Senate recessed.			
June 13-14	Mark-up of child nutrition appropriations in the House Appropriations Committee expected.	House International Relations and Agriculture Committees will hold joint hearings on Grain Reserves (HR 12087, HR Zablocki, Gilman, McHugh).	and Agriculture Committees International Emergency II439, HR 9045, HR 6014/Beard).	
June	Floor vote on Child Nutrition Act expected in the House (HR 12511/Perkins).		Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations will begin mark-up after the House has completed action.	Possible Senate floor vote on International Monetary Fund/Witteveen Facility (S 2152, Sparkman/HR 9214, Neal).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Domestic Nutrition</u>	<u>Agricultural Policy</u>	<u>International Development</u>	<u>International Economics</u>
June/ July/ August	Floor vote expected on Child Nutrition Act of 1978 (S 3085, McGovern) in the Senate.		Senate expected to vote on International Development Assistance Act of 1978 (S 3074, Sparkman).	House floor vote on deep-sea mining bill (S 2053, Metcalf/HR 3350, J.M. Murphy) possible at any time.
July 1-9	House and Senate recessed.			House will vote on Trade Adjustment Assistance Act (HR 11711, Vanik). Senate will act after House has completed action.
Aug. 18	House recessed until September 5.			
Aug. 30	Senate recessed until September 5.			
Sept. 13	House & Senate must complete action on bills & resolutions providing new budget authority.			
Sept. 15	House & Senate must complete action on second concurrent budget resolution.			
Sept. 25	House & Senate must complete action on reconciliation bills and/or resolutions.			
Oct. 1	House & Senate adjourn. Fiscal year begins.			
Nov. 7	Election Day.			
Note: Food Stamp Regulations (Part I) were published in the Federal Register May 2, comments should be received by June 16, 1978; submit them to: Nancy Snyder, Acting Deputy Administrator for Family Nutrition Programs, Food & Nutrition Service, USDA, Washington, DC 20250. For further information contact Alberta Frost, F.S. Regulations Taskforce, Food & Nutrition Service, USDA, Washington, DC 20250.				

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MEMORANDUM

May 12, 1978

TO: Headquarters Staff

FROM: Buff Hanes Main

1. Enclosed is a FOOD POLICY NOTE bringing you up to date on child nutrition legislation. NOTES on the international development assistance bill and trade adjustment assistance will be coming to you very soon.
2. Also enclosed is the second edition of a "Food Policy Legislative Timetable." This sheet replaces the earlier "buff" colored one. We have tried to incorporate in this issue the ideas some of you had for a more useful format. Thank you for your suggestions.

A comparison of this timetable with the one from April 26th illustrates just how quickly things can move when Congress is faced with a deadline (in this case, the May 15 deadline for the first budget resolution). Note on the earlier timetable that April 27 was the date for HEARINGS on child nutrition legislation in the House Education and Labor Committee Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education. Since then, the Subcommittee has held hearings, marked up the bill, and reported it out to the full Committee. The full committee completed its mark up on the bill on May 9. The next activity on the House side for that bill is a floor vote!

This narrative of legislative activity confirms the importance of telephoning the Taskforce's toll-free information number to double check timelines. We offer the written timetable as a basic framework for legislative action, and we will continue to bring it up to date every few weeks. Because Congress sets its own schedule, there can be major last minute changes in even the most carefully researched schedule. Please call to verify information.

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# FOOD POLICY NOTES

## INTERRELIGIOUS TASKFORCE ON U.S. FOOD POLICY

NOTE 78-10

VOTE ON CHILD NUTRITION BILL POSSIBLE SOON

May 12, 1978

Floor action on the child nutrition bills could come later this month, though no date has been set in either house.

While disappointed with some provisions of the bills as reported, the Taskforce finds them generally supportable, particularly the House version with its requirement for a School Breakfast Program in certain situations. We are exploring the possibility of getting a mandated Breakfast Program by amendment on the Senate floor and of securing other improvements in the committee bills.

The Taskforce is preparing an IMPACT ACTION Alert in which we will offer specific recommendations. Meanwhile, we urge you to call us at 800/424-7292 for the latest developments.

Congress is currently addressing changes in three child nutrition programs: Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (the WIC Program), Child Care Food Program, and School Breakfast Program.

THE WIC PROGRAM provides specified nutritious supplements, nutrition education, and health care to qualified pregnant and nursing women and to infants and children up to five years of age who are at "nutritional risk" because of inadequate nutrition and inadequate income. (See NOTE 78-4 for more details of the program.)

THE CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM provides nutritious meals for needy children in licensed child care agencies. Under the program, the Department of Agriculture provides cash reimbursements or donates commodities to the qualified, non-profit, licensed child care agencies which serve the meals.

THE SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM provides federal money to pay for part or all of the cost of breakfasts served to children at any public, private non-profit or private residential institution (such as an orphanage).

### Legislative Action to Date:

Senate: The Senate, through a process of hearings and mark-up at the committee and subcommittee levels has combined four bills into one bill "The Child Nutrition Amendments of 1978" (S ) which is expected to go to the Senate floor for a vote in late June or July. In March, Senator Muriel Humphrey (D-MN) introduced a WIC bill (S 2630); Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) a School Breakfast Program



bill (S 2809); and Senator Robert Dole (R-KS) a Child Care Food Program bill (S 2824). The Administration's position was presented on April 12, but no Administration bill was formally introduced. The Senate Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on Nutrition held hearings during the week of April 6 and marked up on May 3. The full Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Nutrition marked up the bill on May 10. No date has been set for floor action. The bill as summarized below awaits floor action.

House: The House has followed a similar schedule. In March, Rep. Paul Simon (D-IL) introduced the WIC amendments of 1978 (HR 11259) and Rep. Carl Perkins (D-KY) introduced the Child Nutrition Act (HR 11699) which included WIC, the School Breakfast Program, and the Child Care Food Program. On April 25, Rep. Carl Perkins (D-KY) introduced the Administration's bill (HR 12343). The House Education and Labor Committee's Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary, and Vocational Education held hearings on April 27 and marked up on May 3. The full committee marked up the bill on May 9 and the resulting bill "The Child Nutrition Amendments of 1978," (HR 12511), will be voted on by the full House in late June or July.

#### Summary of Committee Bills

Taskforce Recommendations	HOUSE Education and Labor Committee bill (HR 12511)	SENATE Agriculture Committee bill (S )
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#### WIC PROGRAM

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| 1. Women and children from families with an income below 125% of the poverty level should automatically be eligible for WIC benefits, provided they enroll in an approved health care and nutrition education program. | 1. Need for program benefits must be demonstrated (as under current law)  | 1. Same as House  |
| 2. National certification processes & other provisions should be established for migrant and seasonal workers to ensure their uninterrupted participation in WIC.  | 2. Secretary of Agriculture must establish procedures to ensure to the maximum extent feasible continuous WIC program benefits to migrants  | 2. Same as House  |
| 3. Adequate funding & outreach should be provided to allow participation by all who are eligible.  | 3. Authorizes WIC funds of \$650 million for FY 1979, \$800 million for FY 1980, \$900 million for FY 1981 & \$950 million for FY 1982. Estimates are that 1978 expenditures will be approximately \$400 million. | 3. Authorizes \$600 million for FY 1979. Figures for other years are the same as the House figures. |
| 4. All participants should receive nutrition education.  | 4. Requires that adequate nutrition education services be provided to all WIC participants  | 4. Same as House.   |

#### SCHOOL BREAKFAST

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| The Breakfast Program should be required in schools where 100 or more children or 25% of the students are eligible for free or reduced price lunch. | Requires a breakfast program in 1978-79 school year in schools where over 50% of the lunches served are free or reduced price. For 1980-81, 45%; for following years, 40%. Schools with fewer than 125 students are excluded. | No breakfast program mandate. |
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CHILD CARE

The Child Care Food Program should be continued & licensing procedures revised to open the program more fully to child care facilities.

Authorizes permanent appropriations as may be necessary to carry out the Program. Slight revision of licensing procedures.

Same as House, but freer licensing procedures.





## FOOD POLICY LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

May 11, 1978

Date	<u>Domestic Nutrition</u>	<u>Agricultural Policy</u>	<u>International Development</u>	<u>International Economics</u>
May 2	House Education & Labor Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education marked-up Child Nutrition legislation (HR 12511, Perkins/McGovern)	Emergency Agriculture Act (HR 6782, Foley) was revised in Conference & passed in floor vote in Senate. This gives the Administration discretionary power to raise target & loan prices up to parity on commodities under set-aside. The wheat target was raised to \$3.40 (from \$3.05) & the Administration is not expected to do anything else.		
May 3	Senate Agriculture Committee Subcommittee on Nutrition marked up the child nutrition legislation.			
May 4		House passed Emergency Agriculture Act, as revised, in a floor vote.	Foreign Relations Committee Subcommittee on Foreign Assistance marked up the International Development Food Assistance Act of 1978 (HR 12222, Zablocki/S 2646, Sparkman).	
May 8		Notes: The 160-acre reclamation issue is essentially stagnated for possibly as long as a year. The Dept. of Interior issued a lengthy statement critiquing the bill on May 3.		
May 9	Mark-up of child nutrition legislation in House Education & Labor Committee.	The Family Farm Development bill (HR 10739, Nolan) is not going anywhere this legislative season.	House Foreign Operations Subcommittee marks up the Foreign Assistance Appropriations.	

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May 10	<p>Mark-up of child nutrition legislation in Senate Agriculture Committee.</p> <p>Senate Human Resources Committee marks up the Older Americans Act (S 2850, Eagleton/HR 12255, Brademas).</p>		<p>Mark-up of the International Development &amp; Food Assistance Act of 1978 in Senate Foreign Relations Committee.</p>	
May 11			<p>Floor vote in House on International Development &amp; Food Assistance Act of 1978.</p>	
May 15	<p>House and Senate must vote on the first concurrent budget</p>	<p>resolution for all authoriza</p>	<p>tion legislation.</p>	
May 16 through 19				<p>Possible House floor action on deep-sea mining bill (S 2053, Metcalf/HR 3350, J.M. Murphy).</p> <p>Possible Senate floor action on International Monetary Fund/Witteveen Facility (S 2152, Sparkman/HR 9214, Neal).</p>
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## Notes on NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING April 27, 1978

At the April 27, 1978 meeting, the National Governing Board, chaired by Dieter Hessel, conducted the following business:

- Heard reports of Taskforce and legislative activity since October 1977.
- Discussed proposals for a process to identify the Taskforce agenda for the 1980s.
- Authorized a Board committee (1) to develop a method for input, evaluation, and decision about the 1980s agenda by the Board, (2) to secure a secretariat either seconded by a cooperating agency or employed with funds secured by the committee, and (3) to report to a 24-hour Governing Board meeting in the fall of 1978. (Board chair Neill Richards has appointed D. Hessel, chair; McCleary, Peralta, and Cogswell. Taskforce chair is to appoint two Taskforce members. Richards and Chauncey will serve ex officio.)
- Approved the FY 79 Budget of \$172,840 and authorized the Taskforce to make adjustments as needed.
- Discussed recruiting, educating, and mobilizing strategies.
- Elected for a one year term Neill Richards, UCC, Chair, and Mona Moede, ALC, Vice-Chair.
- Approved fall meeting date: October 3 (6:00 p.m.)-October 4 (5:00 p.m.), Washington, D.C.
- 36 Board members, representing 21 cooperating agencies, and 7 guests participated in the meeting.

### Notes:

1. Copies of the minutes are available from the Taskforce Office.
2. Documents distributed at Board meeting are enclosed for Board members who missed the meeting.
3. Will representatives of agencies which have not turned in information about agency networks (page 3 of Document G, new copy enclosed), please do so.

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Interreligious Taskforce on US Food Policy

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF TASKFORCE ACTIVITIES

October 1977-April 1978

Function 1: To provide reliable information and recommendations about US food policy and policy options.

- Developed and distributed to cooperating agencies analysis and policy recommendations in domestic nutrition programs, trade reform, development assistance and agricultural policy.
- Prepared for and mailed to over 800 national and regional hunger staff and volunteer workers 10 issues of FOOD POLICY NOTES.
- Provided leadership in the IMPACT/Washington Interreligious Staff Council Briefing in Washington on issues before the Congress (February 26-March 1), preparing a briefing paper on farm issues and leading two in-depth strategy sessions.
- Provided speakers on US food policy to numerous religious groups visiting Washington.
- Provided regular reports on US food policy legislation to the Washington Interreligious Staff Council.
- Responded to 1,126 calls on the toll free 800-line.
- Filled orders for over 28,200 extra copies of HUNGERS.

Function 2: To encourage and facilitate concerted action by cooperating agencies and networks and their members in advocacy of responsible US food policy.

- Provided leadership and resources in IMPACT/Food Policy Campaign (see Document F).
- Prepared for publication by IMPACT to its 13,500 members these four HUNGERS:

No. 12, World Hunger and Political Will/Voting Record (October 1977).

No. 13, Federal Programs Dealing with Domestic Hunger (January 1978).

No. 14, US Trade Relations with Poor Nations: Suggested Reforms  
(February 1978).

No. 15, US Development Assistance (March 1978).

these two ACTION Alerts:

95-7, Food Emergencies in Vietnam and Laos (October 5, 1977).

95-8, 160-Acre Limitation (November 8, 1977).

and this Selective ACTION Alert:

95-L, Child Nutrition Legislation (March 27, 1978).

- Responded to requests for assistance from particular cooperating agencies.



Function 3: To advocate in its own name its policy recommendations to the executive and legislative branches of government.

-- Presented testimony before the following committees:

- February 24, 1978, House International Relations Committee: foreign assistance.
- April 11, 1978, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Subcommittee on Nutrition: child nutrition programs.
- April 21, 1978, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Subcommittee on Foreign Agricultural Policy: international emergency grain reserves.

-- Submitted to the executive branch the following statements:

- Peter Bourne, The White House, policy recommendations on key US government action to alleviate world hunger and malnutrition, October 26, 1977.
- The President, The White House, international financial institutions, November 11, 1977.
- Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, US food aid to Vietnam and Laos, December 21, 1977.
- Commissioner, Reclamation Bureau, Department of the Interior, 160-acre limitation on federally financed irrigation projects, December 27, 1977.
- The President, US food aid to Vietnam and Laos, February 10, 1978.
- Dale Hathaway, USDA, comments and recommendations for PL 480 Taskforce, February 17, 1978.
- Margaret Costanza, The White House, FY 79 budget, March 1, 1978.
- Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, copy of letter of March 14 to Senators.
- Lynn Daft, The White House, emergency farm legislation analysis and recommendations, March 20, 1978.

-- Sent to Members of Congress the following letters:

- All members of Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), October 7, 1977.
- All members of Senate Rules Committee, extending Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs, October 18, 1977.
- All Representatives, OPIC, October 27, 1977.
- All Representatives, OPIC, January 27, 1978.
- All Representatives, International Monetary Fund (IMF), February 3, 1978.
- All members of House Special Subcommittee on Welfare Reform, welfare reform, February 8, 1978 (from Interreligious Taskforce on US Food Policy as well as 10 other agencies).
- Representative Stephen Neal, IMF, February 17, 1978.
- Representative Newton Steers, IMF, February 21, 1978.
- Representative Clement Zablocki, chairman of House Committee on International Relations, food aid, March 10, 1978.
- All Senators, emergency legislation to help farmers, March 14, 1978.
- All Representatives, Emergency Agricultural Act of 1978 (HR 6782), March 21, 1978.
- All members of Senate and House Agriculture Committees, Emergency Agricultural Act (HR 6782), March 31, 1978.
- All Senators and Representatives, Emergency Agricultural Act, April 7, 1978.
- All Senators, IMF (S 2152), April 18, 1978.
- All members of Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, future emergency farm legislation, April 18, 1978.



- All Senators and Representatives, HUNGER #12 and enclosed voting record, November 11, 1977.
- Worked with committee staff in drafting Humphrey bill on development assistance.
- Contributed to the work of the World Hunger Advisory Commission to the President.
- Served (in person of Larry Minear) on USDA's Taskforce on PL 480.
- Worked closely with other public interest groups in Washington with similar legislative goals.
- Assisted staff members of congressional offices in their replies to constituent questions.
- Met with Members of Congress and their staffs in shaping policy recommendations and legislation in the area of human rights/human needs.

April 24, 1978



## FOOD POLICY LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

April 26, 1978

April 24-26, 28 HEARINGS in Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Bilateral Assistance.

April 25 MARK-UP of deep-sea mining bill expected to begin in House Ways and Means Committee.

MARK-UP of Older Americans Act (Meals on Wheels) in House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Select Education and Senate Human Resources Subcommittee on Aging.

Senate Finance Committee begins HEARINGS on welfare reform.

April 26 HEARINGS on deep-sea mining bill in Senate Energy Committee.

April 27 HEARINGS on child nutrition legislation in House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education.

May 1-5 International Monetary Fund/Witteveen Facility to be REPORTED OUT of Senate Committees on Foreign Relations and Banking this week.

May 1-12 House to VOTE on the deep-sea mining bill.

Senate Human Resources Committee expected to begin MARK-UP of welfare reform.

House expected to VOTE on development assistance legislation (HR 12222).

May 2 House Education and Labor Committee expected to MARK-UP Older Americans Act.

May 4 MARK-UP of development assistance legislation in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Subcommittee on Foreign Assistance.

May 9 House Foreign Operations Subcommittee begins MARK-UP on appropriations for international financial institutions.

May 10 Senate Human Resources Committee begins MARK-UP of Older Americans Act.

May 10, 11 MARK-UP of development assistance legislation in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

May 15 House and Senate must VOTE on first concurrent budget resolution for all authorization legislation.

May 16 Tentative date for beginning of MARK-UP on child nutrition legislation in Senate Agriculture Committee.

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BILL	HEARINGS		MARK - UP		FLOOR ACTION	
	House	Senate	House	Senate	House	Senate
The International Development Act of 1978 (S 2420, HR 10691)			April 7, 10-14, 17, 18 Portions of HR 10691 & HR 11080 were combined during mark-up & reported out as HR 12222.			
The Administration's Development Assistance Bill (S 2646, HR 11080)	February, 78	April 24-26, 28		May 10-11	In 2-3 weeks	After House vote
WIC portion of the Child Nutrition Act (S 2630, HR 11259)	Sometime in the first two weeks of May.	April 10-14		Tentative date set for May 16.		
Child Care Food Program portion of the Child Nutrition Act (S 2809 )		April 10-14		Tentative date set for May 16.		
School Breakfast Program portion of the Child Nutrition Act (S 2824)		April 10-14		Tentative date set for May 16.		
Child Nutrition Act (HR 11699) (Includes <del>WIC</del> Child Care Food Program & School Breakfast Program)	April 27		Nothing scheduled to date			
Older Americans Act (S 2850, HR 12255)	March 6, 13, 20	April 21	April 25	April 25		
Welfare Reform (S 2084, HR 10905)	Special Welfare Subcommittee completed hearings & mark-up Feb. 10	Senate Finance C. began hearings April 25.	Nothing scheduled to date	Nothing scheduled to date		

BILL	HEARINGS		MARK-UP		FLOOR ACTION	
	House	Senate	House	Senate	House	Senate
Reclamation Lands (S 1812)	No bill to date	April 12-13		Nothing scheduled to date		
Family Farm (HR 10739, HR 10716)	Sub-committees waiting for reports from USDA	No bill to date				
International Emergency Food Reserve (S 2869, S 2641, HR 11439)	Has not been referred to subc.	April 21	Nothing scheduled to date	Nothing scheduled to date		
Bills to raise target prices and loan levels (S 2912, S 2905)		April 19	Probably go directly to House/Senate Conference Comm.			
Deepsea Mining (S 2053, HR 3350)	Ways & Means Comm. April 13	Sept. 19, 1977 & Oct. 4, 1977 in various subc.	Nothing scheduled to date	April 26 in Sen. Energy & Natural Resources Comm.	Nothing scheduled to date	Nothing scheduled to date
Trade Adjustment (HR 8442)	Sept. 1976 March 1977	Senate will use House bill after House action is completed	April, 1978		Sometime this summer	



The IMPACT Food Policy Campaign

A. Background and authorization

At its last meeting on September 19, 1977, the National Governing Board endorsed a proposal for an IMPACT/Food Policy Campaign that would...

1. be a joint effort of the Interreligious Taskforce on U.S. Food Policy and IMPACT, including their cooperating agencies, to influence U.S. food policy for the sake of justice for the poor and hungry; Campaign participants will be identified from and recruited for the IMPACT network.
2. give priority to the following reform goals:
  - a. reforms in U.S. international development assistance policy
  - b. one systemic reform in U.S. international economic policy
  - c. reform in national child nutrition legislation
  - d. tax reform for family farmers
3. target the following reform goals for special organizing efforts:
  - a. authorization for international development assistance policy
  - b. authorization for the special supplemental feeding program for women, infants, and children (WIC)
4. request that cooperating agencies assist the Campaign through the following tasks:
  - a. publicizing the Campaign through agency channels of communication and inviting constituents to participate
  - b. urging all middle judicatory workers responsible for leadership in food policy efforts to join the IMPACT network and to provide leadership in the Campaign
  - c. informing all WHEAT Covenantors of the Campaign and inviting their participation
  - d. encouraging some regional hunger action leaders to participate in the IMPACT/WISC Briefing on Issues Before the Congress, so that they can participate in the Campaign strategy session
  - e. giving particular attention to enlisting participants in the Campaign in the special effort states and districts.

B. Recruitment of Campaign Workers

As of April 17, 1978, the Taskforce had identified 327 people from across the country for the Campaign. (There are two criteria for a person's qualification as a Campaign worker: membership in IMPACT and indication of a special interest in food policy). Identification was made possible primarily through the following means: a special Campaign brochure; HUNGER #11 coupon; participation in the 1977 Campaign; IMPACT mailings to special "hunger" mailing lists (i.e., the UCC WHEAT Covenantors list).

To assist recruitment efforts, the Taskforce made available an IMPACT/Food



Policy Campaign brochure. As of April 17 there had been 55,851 brochures distributed from the Taskforce office, of which 39,430 went to cooperating agencies for further distribution. Ninety responses to the brochure have been received by the Taskforce office. Of those 90, 50 indicated current membership in IMPACT; 36 were new members in IMPACT. Everyone who returned the brochure received a letter of welcome to the Campaign.

We expect to identify additional Campaign workers 1) from the PCUS Campaign recruitment effort, 2) from responses to ACTION alerts on food policy, 3) from the mailing list for FOOD POLICY NOTES, and 4) from an IMPACT questionnaire.

C. Education/preparation of Campaign workers

All Campaign workers have received background material on the issues through HUNGERS #13, 14, and 15. In addition, Campaign workers have received other IMPACT publications, many of which bear significantly on Campaign issues and goals; e.g., PREPARE on Welfare Reform and UPDATE. The Taskforce's toll-free legislative information line is broadly publicized and all Campaign workers are encouraged to use it.

D. Activating Campaign workers

IMPACT has sent out so far this year one selected ACTION, prepared by the Taskforce, calling Campaign workers to action around the child nutrition legislation. We anticipate future ACTIONS on international development assistance and farm legislation.

E. Denominational and Regional efforts to assist the Campaign

The Taskforce is aware of significant measures being undertaken by the Presbyterian Church U.S., the United Church of Christ, and the United Methodist Church to recruit and train workers for the Campaign. Many other denominations have assisted the Campaign by focusing effort in specific congressional districts and states. There are at least two comprehensive state efforts underway -- in Illinois and Ohio -- to organize around Campaign issues.

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## MOBILIZING GRASSROOTS SUPPORT FOR A JUST FOOD POLICY

The problem

One of the capacities the religious community needs if it is to help shape US food policy is the capacity to mobilize grassroots political action in support of responsible policy recommendations.

The religious community has grown in this capacity in recent years, and the visits of and communications from members of the religious community to policy-makers has had some influence on the shape of recent US policy. Yet given the tremendous need for intensive grassroots action, on the one hand, and the unrealized potential for such action in the religious community, on the other, the growth in our capacity to enlist and mobilize our members thus far has been somewhat underwhelming. We need to think together about how we can improve our work in this area.

Taskforce roles

The Taskforce has two roles in mobilizing efforts:

1. To facilitate IMPACT's mobilization of IMPACT members on food policy issues.
2. To facilitate the efforts of cooperating agencies to mobilize their separate networks.

The Taskforce seeks the advice of the Board on how it can improve its efforts in both roles. We propose that questions about the first role be dealt with by small groups, and that questions about the second role be dealt with by denominational delegations.

Mobilizing IMPACT members (Questions for small group discussions)

The Taskforce has never had and does not now have any desire to develop, organize, or mobilize its own separate grassroots network. From its beginning, the Taskforce has worked in partnership with IMPACT, the multi-issue network, most of whose agency sponsors are also agencies which cooperate in the work of the Taskforce. Food Policy is a special priority of IMPACT, and in 1977, the Taskforce prepared for publication by IMPACT six HUNGERS, four ACTIONS which went to the entire network, four Selective ACTIONS which went to IMPACT members in key states or districts, and the "Food Policy" sections of IMPACT UPDATES. Like every other Washington Interreligious Staff Council (WISC) Taskforce, the Food Policy Taskforce has access to the IMPACT membership list for telephone follow-up calls in the name of IMPACT after IMPACT has published an ACTION.

Mobilizing a grassroots network involves three phases: (A) enlisting people in the network; (B) preparing them for action; and (C) generating their action.

## A. Enlisting people in IMPACT

1. In what ways, if any, are you seeking to enlist your members in IMPACT?
2. What problems (other than the confusion about the relationship of IMPACT, Bread for the World, and WHEAT) are you encountering in enlisting people in IMPACT?



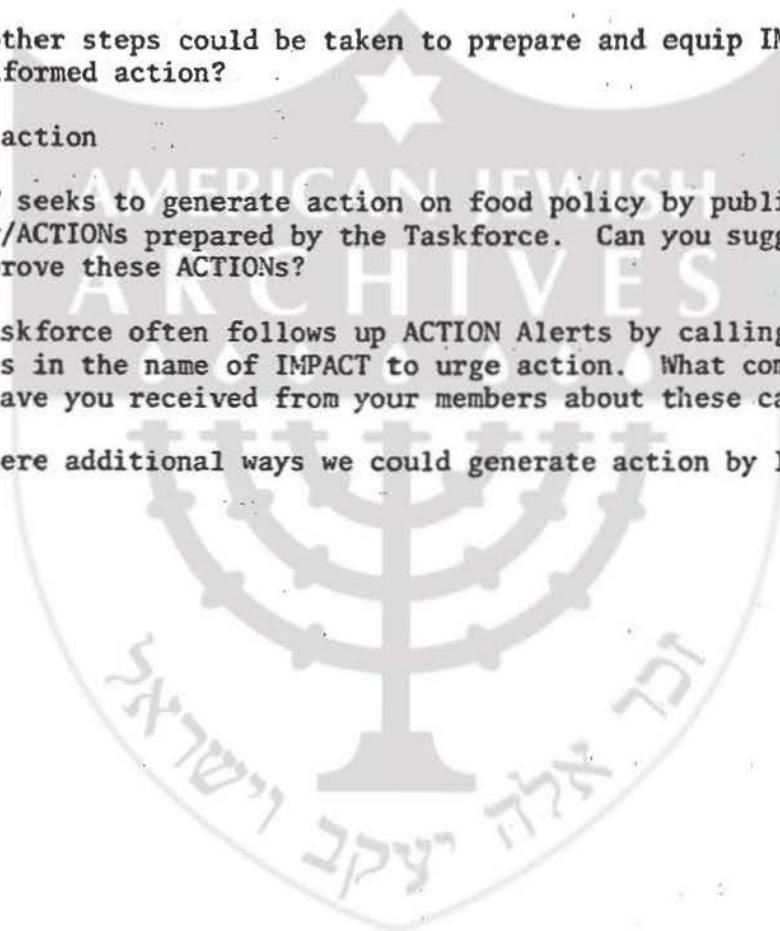
3. How are you dealing with those problems?
4. In what ways can the Taskforce and IMPACT facilitate your enlistment of your members in IMPACT?
5. What are your expectations for your members who join IMPACT because of their commitment to working on hunger and food policy?

B. Preparing persons for action

1. The Taskforce and IMPACT now seek to prepare persons for action by providing HUNGERS. In what ways could HUNGERS be improved?
2. What other steps could be taken to prepare and equip IMPACT members for informed action?

C. Generating action

1. IMPACT seeks to generate action on food policy by publishing Food Policy/ACTIONS prepared by the Taskforce. Can you suggest ways to improve these ACTIONS?
2. The Taskforce often follows up ACTION Alerts by calling IMPACT members in the name of IMPACT to urge action. What comments, if any, have you received from your members about these calls?
3. Are there additional ways we could generate action by IMPACT members?





Facilitating the mobilization efforts of others (Questions for denominational or agency delegations)

The Taskforce also seeks to facilitate the work of cooperating agencies in mobilizing their separate networks. We have sought to serve the cooperating agencies in these ways:

1. By sharing with all cooperating agencies all analyses, policy recommendations, and action suggestions developed by the Taskforce, for them to use as they see fit.
2. By occasional telephone calls when concerted action seems crucial.
3. By operating an 800-line so that agency staff and local members can call for current information.

We seek answers to these questions: (please fill out and turn in)

1. What sort of network, if any, do you have for food policy issues -- ie, size, composition, etc.
2. How do you service your network? E.g. monthly mailings, etc?
3. Who is the manager of that network, whom the Taskforce could call when concerted action seems imperative?
4. In what additional ways if any, could the Taskforce facilitate your work in mobilizing your denominational network?
5. Would you be interested in negotiating a more detailed "contract of understanding" with the Taskforce for services to your agency? If so, with whom in your agency should the Taskforce talk?

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