

# Proxmire Lashes Butz For School Milk Cuts

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Sen. William Proxmire has accused Agriculture Secretary Earl L. Butz of breaking the law by cutting back on the program providing low-cost milk to school children.

In the past, Proxmire said yesterday, the program has provided milk for about 4 cents per half-pint to children for consumption during a snack break. But Butz has limited the program to schools with no lunch program, the Wisconsin Democrat said.

"Not only does this decision to limit the program fly in the face of good nutritional practices," Proxmire said in a statement, "it is a blatant disregard of the law as written by the Congress in 1970."

At that time Congress ordered that the Agriculture Secretary administer the program "to the maximum extent practicable in the same manner as he administered the special milk program provided . . . during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969," Proxmire said.

Recently, however, the House concurred in the Nixon administration decision to cut funding for the milk program from \$97 million to \$25 million. The Senate has voted for the \$97 million. A Senate-House conference committee is working on a compromise.