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JOE BLUE HORSE: Well, the ideas and things that were brought up here, the things that can be changed or will be changed, can these be changed within the USDA structure, or does it have to go to Congress or the USDA chain? And if they can make the changes, how soon can we expect them to be done?

MR. BOST: It depends specifically on what changes would be considered. Some, in terms of waiver requests, I have the authority to approve or not approve some waiver requests. And some of the other recommendations that I have heard today would have to be done by Congress and by statute. So it depends a great deal on what it is.

JOE BLUE HORSE: Like the USDA Food Stamps and Commodity Program, qualifications are different to get the monetary gift. Do you have the ability to change that?

MR. BOST: No. It has to go to Congress.