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## Cooperatives and Communities

*(Our apologies—we do not have a transcript available for this lecture series)*

### Robert S. Bergland

Bergland is a graduate of the University of Minnesota. He served as a member of the United States Congress (1970-1977) in the 7th district and served as the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture under President Carter (1977-80). He was president of Farmland World Trade from 1981-1983 and general manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. He represented the rural electric cooperatives before Congressional committees and regulatory agencies.

Bergland lives on the family farm where he was born and raised near Roseau, Minnesota. He retired in 1994, but is still active in promoting rural community and economic development.