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Rep. Jerry Sonnenberg (R-Sterling) was coy about his future plans, with the announcement last week that U.S. Rep. Cory Gardner (R-Colo.) planned to jump into the U.S. Senate race against Sen. Mark Udall (D-Colo.).

Sonnenberg announced Tuesday, March 4, that he still plans to continue his campaign for Senate District No. 1 in Colorado.

Sonnenberg participated in a legislative panel discussion during the Feb. 27 Governor's Forum on Agriculture. The well-attended forum on "The View of Agriculture from the Dome" caused Sonnenberg to quip that it surprised him that so many people would come that they needed extra chairs, "to listen to politicians!"

The forum began with the panel of five legislators offering brief remarks on legislation affecting agriculture in the 2014 session. In addition to Sonnenberg, the audience heard from Sen. Greg Brophy (R-Wray), who is running for governor; Sen. Gail Schwartz (D-Snowmass Village), Rep. KC Becker (D-Boulder) and Rep. Steve Lebsock (D-Thornton). All serve on the agriculture committees.

Following their remarks, audience members asked questions about legislative policy on water and energy. But the first question focused on Sonnenberg's future. "Who is [Weld County District Attorney] Ken Buck and why is he running for Congress and you're not?" asked one man.

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