

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:**September 13, 1999**

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LAST WEEK -

CONGRESS RETURNS TO CONTINUE WORK ON SPENDING BILLS -

Congress returned last week to continue it's work on FY 2000 appropriations. One aspect of this year's budget crunch is certain, Congress and the White House will not reach agreement by the October 1 start of the new fiscal year and at least one continuing resolution will be needed to keep the government running until talks are completed.

Rep. Dick Armey, Majority Leader (R-TX) commented that the initial stopgap legislation will include at least five spending measures. Another option that has not been ruled out is a longer-term stopgap bill that would keep the government running into next year. Delaying a final agreement until updated budget surplus estimates are available could give negotiators more money to work with.

Conference action on H.R. 1906, the House Agriculture Appropriations, will probably occur at the end of the month.

THIS WEEK

WATERSHED REHABILITATION - The Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Boehlert, R-NY) of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing on the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Small Watershed Program. The hearing will focus on the Middle Deep Red Run Creek Watershed Project in Oklahoma and H.R. 728, a bill to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide cost share assistance of the rehabilitation of structural measures constructed as part of NRCS water resource projects.

Sept. 16

10:00am

2167 Rayburn Bldg.

RESOURCES FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP - The House Resources Committee (Chairman Young, R-Alaska) will meet to markup H.R. 701, a bill to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact Assistance to state and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 and the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978. The committee will also markup H.R. 798, a bill to provide for the permanent protection of the resources of the United States in the year 2000 and beyond.

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