

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:

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LAST WEEK:

CONTINUING RESOLUTION: A sixth continuing resolution, H.J. Res. 76 was passed by the House and cleared by the Senate on December 5, 2002. This resolution would keep the government in full operation through December 15, 2001.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS: The Public Law Number for agriculture appropriations is PL-107-77.

The following Bills of significance to NRCS and conservation have been introduced.

Bill	Member	Purpose
S. 1716	Kerry, MA	To speed national action to address global climate change

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THIS WEEK:

FARM BILL- The Senate initiated debate on S. 1731 (Harkin, IA), the Senate version of the farm bill. The legislation authorizes several USDA conservation programs set to expire in 2002 in addition to creating some new programs.

Following lengthy debate, the Senate held a cloture vote to limit further debate to 30 hours, which passed by a vote of 73-26. The Senate then turned to other pressing business and is expected to return to the farm bill on Tuesday, December 11. Several amendments are expected when action resumes on the legislation.

RESERVOIRS, NEULANDS PROJECT LAND TRANSFERS – Water and Power Subcommittee (Chairman Calvert, R-Calif.) of House Resources Committee will hold a hearing on pending legislation.

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11:00 a.m.

Las Vegas, NV

CALIFORNIA PLAN FOR COLORADO RIVER OVERSIGHT HEARING -
Water and Power Subcommittee (Chairman Calvert, R-Calif.) of House Resources
Committee will hold an oversight hearing on implementation of the California plan for
the Colorado River. The California plan aims to reduce the state's reliance on Colorado
River water and to restrict the state's basic apportionment of Colorado River water.

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12:30 p.m.

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