

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:

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LAST WEEK:

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

Bill	Member	Purpose
S. 1731	Harkin, IA	Senate Agriculture Committee reported Omnibus Farm Bill

FY 2002 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS - On Wednesday, November 28, the President signed the FY2002 Agriculture Appropriations Bill into law.

REP BOOZMAN, R-AR SWORN IN TO SUCCEED HUTCHINSON – This week, the House moved closer to a full membership roster with the swearing-in of John Boozman, R-AR. The arrival of Boozman, who won a November 20 special election to succeed GOP Rep. Asa Hutchinson (1997-2001), means there are now 221 Republicans, 211 Democrats and two Independents. The only vacant seat is the one left open by the death of former Armed Services Committee Chairman Floyd D. Spence, R-SC on August 16.

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LOOKING AHEAD:

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

Dec. 10 11:00 a.m. Las Vegas, Nev.

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.

Dec 10 12:30 p.m. Las Vegas, Nev.