

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:**February 4, 2002**

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THIS WEEK

FY 2003 BUDGET - The Administration is scheduled to release the FY 2003 Budget Proposal on Monday, February 4, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

WATER RESOURCES 2003 BUDGET BRIEFING- The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has scheduled staff level briefings dealing with the FY 2003 Budget Proposal for federal programs involving water resources. Lee Bensey, NRCS Director of Watersheds and Wetlands, will appear to provide background regarding watershed and flood prevention operations.

February 5

11:30 a.m.

2253 Rayburn

LOOKING AHEAD

AGRICULTURE NOMINATIONS CONFIRMATION HEARING- Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee (Chairman Harkin, IA) will hold a confirmation hearing on pending nominations. Witnesses scheduled are Thomas Dorr to be under secretary of agriculture for rural development and Nancy Bryson to be general counsel for USDA.

February 13

9:30 a.m.

216 Hart

CROP INSURANCE OVERSIGHT HEARING - The General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee (Chairman Chambliss, GA) of the House Agriculture Committee will hold a hearing on the implementation of the 2000 Agricultural Risk Protection Act.

February 13

10:00 a.m.

1300 Longworth

WATER AND CONSERVATION AGENCY BUDGETS SUBCOMMITTEE

HEARING - The Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Duncan, TN) of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing on agency budgets and priorities for fiscal year 2003. Thomas Weber, NRCS' Deputy Chief for Programs, will be a witness.

February 14

10:00 a.m.

2167 Rayburn

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND CRITICAL HABITATS FIELD HEARING-

The House Resources Committee (Chairman Hansen, UT) will hold a field hearing on the Endangered Species Act's Platte River Cooperative Agreement and critical habitats concerning certain fish and birds in Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska. The hearing will be held at the Hornday-Marshall Auditorium, College Park, 3180 West Highway 34, Grand Island, Nebraska.

February 16

1:00 p.m.

Grand Island, NE

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS HEARING - The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration (Chairman Bonilla, TX) has tentatively scheduled a hearing regarding the FY 2003 Budget Request for the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

February 27

9:30 a.m.

2362 Rayburn

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS HEARING - The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies (Chairman Kohl, WI) has tentatively scheduled an appropriations hearing regarding the FY 2003 Budget Request as it relates to assistance for farmers.

March 14

10:00 a.m.

Location TBA

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