

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:**January 28, 2002**

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LAST WEEK

107th CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION CONVENES– On Wednesday, January 23, 2002, the second session of the 107th Congress convened. Debate on the economic stimulus plan was the first order of business for the Senate. The Farm Bill is pending before the Senate though a date for further debate has not been set. Majority Leader, Tom Daschle, has indicated a desire to see the Farm Bill passed in the Senate by the Presidents' Day Recess.

THIS WEEK

STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS - President Bush is scheduled to address the nation on the State of the Union, Tuesday, January 29, 2002.

LOOKING AHEAD

FY 2003 BUDGET - The Administration is scheduled to release the FY 2003 Budget Proposal on Monday, February 4, 2002.

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

11:30am

2253 Rayburn

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 2003.

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

9:00 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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