LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:

May 13, 2002

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LAST WEEK

LEGISLATION OF NOTE

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

Bill	Sponsor	Purpose
H. R. 4666	Davis, VA	A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
		to provide assistance for nutrient removal technologies to
		states in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
H.R. 4657	Napolitano, CA	To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement the
		Calfed Bay-Delta Program.

FARM BILL CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED – On Wednesday, May 8, 2002, the conference report (House Report 107 - 424) for H.R. 2646, the Farm Bill, was adopted by a vote of 64-35. The legislation now is ready for action by the President

A copy of the 2002 Farm Bill Conference Report legislative language, Statement of Managers and a Section by Section Analysis can be found on the NRCS Legislative Affairs web site at: www.nrcs.usda.gov/about/legislative/

HOMELAND SECURITY/ EMERGENCY FY 2002 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS On Thursday, May 9, 2002, the House Appropriations Committee (Chairman Young, FL) began markup on legislation to provide FY 2002 supplemental appropriations. The legislation provides funding to agencies for homeland security,

defense, and other emergency needs. The markup will resume next week.

THIS WEEK

BIOTERRORISM OVERSIGHT HEARING - The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (Chairman Kennedy, MA) will hold an oversight hearing on bioterrorism issues.

403 Dirksen Building

May 14 10:00 a.m.

406 Dirksen Building

PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS FULL COMMITTEE HEARING – The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (Chairman Jeffords, VT) will hold a hearing on legislation that would amend the Toxic Substances Control Act and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act.

May 14 9:30 a..m.

SALMON RESTORATION ASSISTANCE SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING – The Oceans, Atmosphere and Fisheries Subcommittee (Chairman Kerry, MA) of the Senate Commerce Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on legislation that would authorize the secretary of Commerce to provide financial assistance to Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California and Idaho and tribes in the region for salmon habitat restoration projects in coastal waters and inland areas.

May 14 2:30 p.m. 253 Russell Building

WATER MANAGEMENT AND RURAL WATER SUPPLY IN SOUTH DAKOTA SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING- The Water and Power Subcommittee (Chairman Calvert, CA) of the House Resources Committee will hold a hearing on reauthorizing the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project in South Dakota.

May 22 2:00 p.m. 1334 Longworth Building

IMPLEMENTING INVASIVE SPECIES ACT SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING –

The Water Resources Subcommittee (Chairman Duncan, TN) and the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee (Chairman LoBiondo, NJ) of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a joint hearing on the National Invasive Species Act of 1996 (P. L. 104-332), which extended legislation originally passed in 1990 (P. L. 101-646).

May 15 10:00 a.m. 2167 Rayburn Building

LOOKING AHEAD

FY 2002 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP

The Senate Appropriations Committee (Chairman Byrd, WV) will mark up legislation that would make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2002.

Date TBA Time TBA S-128 Capitol Building
