WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:

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LAST WEEK:

INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING - On

October 10, 2001 the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Duncan, TN) of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee held a hearing on infrastructure security. Witnesses from the Army Corps of Engineers, Justice Department and Environmental Protection Agency described measures needed to protect dams and other water structures that could be potentially targeted by terrorists.

LEGISLATION OF NOTE

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

BILL	MEMBER	PURPOSE
S. 1527	Enzi, WY	To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to extend and
		improve the environmental quality incentive program.
S. 1537	Bingaman, NM	To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a
		hydrogeologic mapping, modeling, and monitoring
		program for the High Plains Aquifer and to establish
		the High Plains Aquifer Coordination Council to
		facilitate groundwater conservation in the High Plains.
S. 1538	Bingaman, NM	To further continue economic viability in the
		communities on the High Plains by promoting
		sustainable groundwater management of the Ogallala
		Aquifer.
S. 1563	Cochran, MS	To establish a coordinated program of science-based
		counter measures to address the threats of agricultural
		bio-terrorism.
S. 1571	Lugar, IN	Comprehensive Farm Bill rewrite proposal.

SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS - Stephen F. Lynch, D-MA, a state legislator, won the 9th District seat left vacant by the death of Joe Moakley earlier this year. Jeff Miller, R-FL, won the 1st District seat left vacant by the September 6 retirement of Joe Scarborough.

THIS WEEK:

CONTINUING RESOLUTION - The House has passed H.J. Res. 69 the third continuing resolution that will keep the government in full operation through October 31, 2001. The White House has received the resolution and the President is expected to sign it before the current resolution expires on Tuesday.

CHESAPEAKE BAY OYSTER RESTORATION FIELD HEARING - The Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans Subcommittee (Chairman Gilchrest, MD) of the House Resources Committee will hold a field hearing on Chesapeake Bay oyster restoration, management and research. The hearing will be held and the Environmental Matters Committee Room in the Lowe Office Building, Annapolis, MD.

October 22 10:00 a.m. Annapolis, MD

CALFED REAUTHORIZATION KLAMATH BASIN FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP

The House Resources Committee (Chairman Hansen, UT) will mark up H.R. 1985, to authorize CALFED and H.R. 2828, to authorize aspects of Kalmath Basin irrigation project.

October 24 10 a.m.

LIMITING CALIFORNIA ACCESS TO COLORADO RIVER WATER - The

Water and Power Subcommittee (Chairman Calvert, CA) of the 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 live within it basic apportionment of Colorado River water.

1324 Longworth Bldg.

October 25 1:00 p.m. 1334 Longworth Bldg.

RESERVOIRS, NEWLANDS PROJECT, IRRIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING

The Water and Power Subcommittee (Chairman Calvert, CA) of the House Resources Committee will hold a hearing on H.R. 706, H.R. 1870 and H.R. 2202.

October 25 Time TBA 1334 Longworth Bldg.

LOOKING AHEAD:

FARM BILL FIELD HEARING - On October 27, the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee will hold a field hearing on Farm Bill reauthorization in City Council Chambers, Boise City Hall, Boise, Idaho. The hearing will be conducted by Senator Mike Crapo at 9:00 a.m.