LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:

January 18, 2002

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LAST WEEK

REP. SKEEN TO RETIRE - Rep. Joe Skeen (R-NM) announced that he would not seek a 12th term in Congress. He will serve the remainder of his term. Skeen was a past chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies. When Skeen was first elected to congress in 1980 to serve the 2nd District of New Mexico, he was the third person in history to win a congressional seat as a write-in candidate. Rep. Skeen is one of the few members in the House of Representatives to consistently maintain the highest voting record. Last year he cast 100% of the votes considered on the House floor.

THIS WEEK

107th CONGRESS SCHEDULE – On Wednesday January 23, 2002 the second session of the 107th Congress will convene. A tentative schedule for the upcoming year is listed on the next page.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

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

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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