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LAST WEEK

HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE-The Democratic Caucus announced that Anibal Acevedo-Vila (PR), Rick Larson (WA) and Mike Ross (AR) will serve on the House Agriculture Committee.

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE- The Senate Appropriations Committee announced its sub-committee members for the 107th Congress.

Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies

Republican	Democrat
Sen. Thad Cochran, MS Sen. Arlen Specter, PA Sen. Christopher Bond, MO Sen. Mitch McConnell, KY Sen. Conrad Burns, MT Sen. Larry Craig, ID	Sen. Herb Kohl, WI Sen. Tom Harkin, IA Sen. Byron Dorgan, ND Sen. Dianne Feinstein, CA Sen. Richard Durbin, IL Sen. Tim Johnson, SD

LEGISLATION OF NOTE

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

BILL	MEMBER	PURPOSE
H.R. 297	Rahall (WV)	Amends 1977 Surface Mining Act to make changes in the Rural Abandoned Mine Program (RAMP) and extends Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act to 2011.
H.R. 325	Tanner (TN) and 11 co-sponsors	To establish a program to restore fish habitat through local Watershed Councils designated by the state. Federal funds could be used as a local non-federal cost share for most NRCS programs.

