

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:**February 25, 2002**

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LAST WEEK

PRESIDENT'S DAY RECESS- The House and Senate will reconvene the week of February 25 following the President's day recess.

FARM BILL STAFF CONFERENCE WORK BEGINS- The House and Senate Committee staff conference meetings on H.R. 2646, the Farm Bill, began this week. The committee staff have met regarding the Rural Development and Energy titles. The staff is expecting to work through the weekend and possibly begin the Research title. There is no schedule yet for the Commodity, Nutrition, Trade, Conservation, and Forestry titles.

SENATE FARM BILL – The Senate-passed Farm Bill is available on the THOMAS website. It can be accessed at www.thomas.gov. The version passed in the Senate is; H.R. 2646(EAS), the engrossed Senate amendment.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

9:30 a.m.

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AGRICULTURE NOMINATIONS CONFIRMATION HEARING - Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee (Chairman Harkin, IA) will hold a confirmation hearing on pending nominations. Witnesses scheduled are Thomas Dorr to be under secretary of agriculture for rural development and Nancy Bryson to be general counsel for USDA. (Note: this is rescheduled)

February 28

9:30 a.m.

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