

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:**March 11, 2002**

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LAST WEEK

MORE FARM BILL CONFEREES APPOINTED – Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert (IL) appointed additional conferees to the House-Senate conference on H.R. 2646 this week. These appointments are assigned help with specific sections of the bill where their leadership and expertise has been shown. The members appointed are; Thomas (CA), Heger (CA), Rangel (NY), Boehlert (NY), Bartlett (MD), Hall (TX), Hansen (UT), Young (AK), Kind (WI), Sensenbrenner (WI), Green (WI), Baldwin (WI), Hyde (IL), Smith (NJ), Lantos (CA), Oxley (OH), Bachus (AL), LaFalce (NY), Tauzin (LA), Barton (TX), Dingell (MI), Castle (DE), Osborne (NE), Kildee (MI), Nussle (IA), Sununu (NH), and Spratt (SC).

FARM BILL STAFF CONFERENCE WORK CONTINUES- The House and Senate Committee staff conference meetings on H.R. 2646, the Farm Bill, continued this week. The committee staff is meeting often regarding the Conservation, Forestry, and other titles. The staff is expecting to work through the weekend and next week to discuss the differences between the House-passed and Senate-passed legislation.

THIS WEEK

IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS HEARING - The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee (Chairman Lieberman, CT) will continue hearings title "Public Health and Natural Resources: A Review of the Implementation of Our Environmental Laws". The hearings began March 7.

March 13

9:30 a.m.

342 Dirksen

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.

138 Dirksen

March 20

2:00 p.m.

138 Dirksen

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS HEARING - The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (Chairman Jeffords, VT) will hold a hearing on the economic and environmental risks associated with the increase in greenhouse gas emissions.

March 13 9:30 a.m. 406 Dirksen

ENDANGERED FISH IN THE KLAMATH RIVER BASIN OVERSIGHT HEARING - The House Resources Committee (Chairman Hansen, UT) will hold a hearing on the decision by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to withhold water from farmers in the Klamath River Basin in order to protect endangered sucker fish. A report by the National Academy of Sciences has challenged the scientific data used in making that decision.

March 13 10:00 a.m. 1334 Longworth

WATER QUALITY FINANCING HEARING - The Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Duncan, TN) of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing on the draft "Water Quality Financing Act of 2002".

March 13 10:00 a.m. 2167 Rayburn

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LOOKING AHEAD

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT HEARING - The Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Duncan, TN) of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing on proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2002.

March 20 10:00 a.m. 2167 Rayburn
March 21 10:00 a.m. 2167 Rayburn
April 10 10:00 a.m. 2167 Rayburn
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