

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:**March 4, 2002**

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LAST WEEK
LEGISLATION OF NOTE

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

BILL	MEMBER	PURPOSE
H. R. 3827	Moran, KS	A bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 relating to the National Appeals Division to ensure that agricultural producers and other persons appealing adverse agency decisions of the Department of Agriculture receive fair and equitable treatment.

HOUSE NAMES FARM BILL CONFEREES- House Agriculture, Committee Chairman Larry Combest (TX), named conferees for the House-Senate conference on H.R. 2646, known as the Farm Bill, this week. Named were Representatives Larry Combest, (TX), John Boehner (OH), Robert Goodlatte (VA), Richard Pombo (CA), Terry Everett (WA), Frank Lucas (OK), Saxby Chambliss(GA), Jerry Moran (KS), Charles Stenholm (TX), Gary Condit (CA), Collin Peterson (MN), Cal Dooley (CA), Eva Clayton (NC) and Tim Holden (PA). The conference will take place at the completion of the staff conference.

SENATE NAMES FARM BILL CONFEREES - The Senate Agriculture Committee, Chairman Harkin (IA) named conferees for the House-Senate conference on H. R. 2646, the Farm Bill. Named were Senators Tom Harkin (IA), Tom Daschle (SD), Patrick Leahy (VT), Kent Conrad (ND), Richard Lugar (IN), Thad Cochran (MS), Jesse Helms, (NC). The conference will take place at the end of the staff conference.

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 met regarding the Forestry, Trade, and work has begun on Conservation 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.

