

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:****May 13, 2002**

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**LAST WEEK****LEGISLATION OF NOTE**

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

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
H. R. 4666	Davis, VA	A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide assistance for nutrient removal technologies to states in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
H.R. 4657	Napolitano, CA	To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement the Calfed Bay-Delta Program.

**FARM BILL CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED** – On Wednesday, May 8, 2002, the conference report (House Report 107 - 424) for H.R. 2646, the Farm Bill, was adopted by a vote of 64-35. The legislation now is ready for action by the President

A copy of the 2002 Farm Bill Conference Report legislative language, Statement of Managers and a Section by Section Analysis can be found on the NRCS Legislative Affairs web site at: [www.nrcs.usda.gov/about/legislative/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/about/legislative/)

**HOMELAND SECURITY/ EMERGENCY FY 2002 SUPPLEMENTAL**

**APPROPRIATIONS** On Thursday, May 9, 2002, the House Appropriations Committee (Chairman Young, FL) began markup on legislation to provide FY 2002 supplemental appropriations. The legislation provides funding to agencies for homeland security, defense, and other emergency needs. The markup will resume next week.

**THIS WEEK**

**BIOTERRORISM OVERSIGHT HEARING** - The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (Chairman Kennedy, MA) will hold an oversight hearing on bioterrorism issues.

May 14

10:00 a.m.

403 Dirksen Building

