

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:

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LAST WEEK:

SENATE PASSES FY 2002 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS - The Senate passed the fiscal 2002 agriculture appropriations. The bill, H.R.2330, passed on a 91-5 vote. The House had already passed a different version of H.R. 2330. A conference with the House is expected in the near future. Conferees on the part of the Senate are: Sen. Herbert Kohl(WI), Sen. Tom Harkin (IA), Sen. Byron Dorgan(ND), Sen. Dianne Feinstein (CA), Sen. Richard Durbin(IL), Sen. Tim Johnson(SD), Sen. Patty Murray(WA), Sen. Robert Byrd (WV), Sen. Thad Cochran (MS), Sen. Arlen Specter(PA), Sen. Christopher Bond (MO), Sen. Mitch McConnell (KY), Sen. Conrad Burns(MT), Sen. Larry Craig(ID), and Sen. Ted Stevens(AK).

A summary of reported funding for NRCS is as follows:

Senate Bill

Conservation Operations*.....	\$807,454,000
Watershed Surveys and Planning.....	\$ 10,960,000
Watershed Rehabilitation.....	\$ 10,000,000
Watershed and Flood Prev. Ops.....	\$100,413,000
Resource Cons. and Development.....	\$ 48,048,000
Forestry Incentives Program.....	\$ 7,811,000

* The increase from the Senate Committee mark is \$5 million to work with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service on a pilot project on migratory birds.

