

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:

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LAST WEEK

LEGISLATION OF NOTE

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

Bill	Sponsor	Purpose
H. R. 5146	Gilman, NY	A bill to establish the Highlands, Stewards Area in the states of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.
S. 2749	Corzine, NJ	A bill to establish the Highlands Stewardship Area in the states of Connecticut, New jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

FY 2002 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL BILL – The joint House and Senate conference on Supplemental Appropriations for FY 2002 was held on July 18, 2002. The Senate legislation contains a provision for \$144 million in funding through the Emergency Watershed Protection Program to assist with recovery from natural disasters. The legislation is expected to be taken up early in the week in both the House and Senate.

RESTORING NATIONAL FOREST AND WATERSHEDS SUBCOMMITTEE

HEARING - The Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee (Chairman Wyden, OR) of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing on legislation that would authorize a coordinated community-based program to restore and maintain the ecological integrity of the national Forest System and public lands watersheds.

July 25

2:30 p.m.

366 Dirksen Building

LOOKING AHEAD

FISCAL 2003 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS – The Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies (Chairman Kohl, WI) of the Senate Appropriations Committee is expected to mark up legislation that would make fiscal 2003 appropriations for agriculture programs under their jurisdiction.

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