LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:

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106th CONGRESS, 2nd SESSION UNDERWAY - The 2nd Session of the 106th Congress convened January 24, 2000.

THIS WEEK:

WATERSHED HEARING - The Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Boehlert, R-N.Y.) of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing on fiscal 2001 requests for the Natural Resources Conservation Service Small Watershed Program, authorized by PL 83-566 and PL 78-534, along with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Feb. 9 1:00 p.m. 2167 Rayburn Bldg.

LOOKING AHEAD:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS - The Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies Subcommittee (Chairman Cochran, R-MS) of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold hearings on fiscal 2001 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture. The witnesses will be Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture; Keith Collins, Chief Economist, Agriculture Department; and Stephen Dewhurst, Budget Officer, Agriculture Department.

Feb. 10 10:30 a.m. 138 Dirksen Bldg.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS - The

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Subcommittee (Chairman Skeen, R-N.M.) of the House Appropriations Committee will hold hearings on fiscal 2001 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture. Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture, will testify.

Feb. 16 1:00 p.m. 2362A Rayburn Bldg.

TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD HEARING - The Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry (Chairman Lugar, R-Ind.) Committee will hold an oversight hearing on water quality regulations that were proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency on August 23, 1999, that would impose limits on runoff from farms and ranches.

Feb. 23 9:00 a.m. 328A Russell Bldg.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS -

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Subcommittee (Chairman Skeen, R-N.M.) of the House Appropriations Committee will hold hearings on fiscal 2001 appropriations for the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

March 2 10:00 a.m. 2362A Rayburn Bldg.