LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR: July 12, 1999

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LAST WEEK -

RECESS -- Congress was in adjournment for the Independence Day Recess.

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THIS WEEK

SMALL WATERSHEDS REHABILITATION MARKUP -- The Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit (Chairman, Barrett, R-NE) of the House Agriculture Committee will hold a business meeting to discuss and amend H.R. 728 introduced by Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK). The legislation would provide authorization and funding for NRCS to rehabilitate aging watershed structures.

July 13	10:00 am	1300 Longworth Building

LOESS HILLS EXHIBIT -- On Tuesday, Shirley Frederickson, Coordinator of the Golden Hills Resource Conservation and Development Area will participate in an exhibit demonstrating the important and unique characteristics of western Iowa's Loess Hills. The unique landform is approximately 15 miles wide and 200 miles long, and is endangered by fill dirt removal, land development, and other factors. Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley has requested that the National Park Service to conduct a study to review options to protect the resource.

July 13	10:00 am	Russell Building Rotunda

ESTUARIES AND COASTAL WATER HEARING -- The Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Boehlert, R-NR) of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing on estuaries and coastal water qualities legislation. The bill, H. R. 1775 would catalyze restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient financing of projects and enhanced coordination of federal an non-federal restoration programs and for other purposes.

July 13	1:00 p.m.	2167 Rayburn Bldg.

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LOOKING AHEAD

CONSERVATION RESERVE OVERSIGHT -- The Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit (Chairman, Barrett, R-NE) of the House Agriculture Committee will hold a hearing on the administration of the Conservation and Reserve Program.

July 22	10:30 am	1300 Longworth Building

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP -- The Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans Subcommittee (Chairman Saxton, R-N.J.) of the House Resources Committee will mark up H.R. 1110, a pending bill to reauthorize and amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.

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