LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:

July 19, 1999

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LAST WEEK -

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

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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July 22	10:30 am	1300 Longworth Building
Conservation, Wildlin House Resources Con	fe and Oceans Subcommi	COMMITTEE MARKUP The Fisheries ittee (Chairman Saxton, R-N.J.) of the R. 1110, a pending bill to reauthorize and 1972.
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