

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:**June 8, 1998**

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LAST WEEK:

BUDGET RESOLUTION - Last week, the House of Representatives passed H.Con Res 284, the Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 1999. The Resolution seeks to reduce government-wide spending by about \$100 billion over five years. Most cuts contained in the measure are set to kick in after FY 2002. The measure must be reconciled with the Senate before being finalized.

AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND FOOD STAMPS - On Thursday, the House of Representatives passed the conference report to accompany S. 1150, legislation providing for reauthorization of USDA Research and Education programs. The bill also contains \$100 million in crop insurance funding and \$818 million to restore food stamps for some legal immigrants.

THIS WEEK:

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS - On Tuesday, the Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies Subcommittee (Chairman Cochran, R-Miss.) of the Senate Appropriations Committee will mark up FY99 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture.

June 9 11 AM 138 Dirksen Bldg.

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS - On Wednesday, the Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies Subcommittee (Chairman Skeen, R-N.M.) of the House Appropriations Committee will mark up FY99 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture.

June 10 1 PM 2362-A Rayburn Bldg.

LIVESTOCK ISSUES - Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee (Chairman Lugar, R-Ind.) will hold a hearing on livestock issues including demand, overseas development, pricing, industry structuring and other related subjects.

June 10 9 AM SR-328A Russell Bldg.

METHYL BROMIDE PHASE-OUT - Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research Subcommittee (Chairman Combest, R-Texas) of House Agriculture Committee will hold a hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) phase-out of methyl bromide, an ozone-depleting pesticide used to control insects, nematodes, weeds, pathogens, and rodents.

June 10 10 AM 1300 Longworth Bldg.

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LOOKING AHEAD:

CHANGE IN THE CONGRESSIONAL CALENDAR - Congressional staff have confirmed that the Senate will leave for the August recess on Friday, July 31, and return on Monday, Aug. 31 - a week before Labor Day. (Most published schedules had previously listed the Senate as returning on Tuesday, Sept. 8.) The House will not recess until Friday, Aug. 7, and return Wednesday, Sept. 9.

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