

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:**May 26, 1998**

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LAST WEEK:

NRCS SMALL WATERSHED PROGRAM - On Wednesday the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Boehlert, R-NY) of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee marked up legislation to authorize two proposed projects, the Upper Delaware River watershed in Kansas and the East Fork of the Grand River in Iowa and Missouri. The Subcommittee passed the two projects on to the full Committee with a positive recommendation on a voice vote with no objections. The full Committee is tentatively scheduled to take up the measure on June 4th.

THIS WEEK:

MEMORIAL DAY RECESS - Both the House and Senate will be out of session this week in observance of Memorial Day. Congress is scheduled to reconvene on June 1st.

LOOKING AHEAD:

BUDGET/APPROPRIATIONS MARKUPS - With approximately four months left in Fiscal Year 1998, Congress will likely move on several budget-related measures in the coming weeks. Foremost is the Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 1999. At this stage leaders in each chamber have discussed budget drafts but have not moved legislation to the floor for consideration. Regardless of action on the Budget, appropriators are expected to mark-up appropriation bills beginning in the first week of June. The Senate has already provided each appropriations subcommittee with allocations. The amount for agriculture is consistent with that requested by the President.

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.

