

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:**

**October 20, 1997**

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**LAST WEEK:**

**COLUMBUS DAY RECESS** - Members spent the week in their home districts as Congress took the week off for the Columbus Day recess

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**THIS WEEK:**

**AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS AWAIT FINAL PASSAGE** - The last step in passage of the FY98 Agricultural Appropriations is Senate approval of the conference report. The Senate will likely pass the measure soon after they return from the Columbus Day Recess on October 20th and before the continuing resolution expires on October 23rd. Congress has 6 of the 13 appropriations bills to complete by October 23rd.

**CLEAN AIR STANDARDS** - The Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property and Nuclear Safety (Chairman Inhofe, R-OK) will hold a hearing on S.1084. This bill would establish a research and monitoring program for the national ambient air quality standards for ozone and particulate matter and reinstate the original standards under the Clean Air Act.

Oct. 22            9:30 am                    406 Dirksen Bldg.

**USDA ACCOUNTABILITY & CIVIL RIGHTS** - The House Agriculture Committee (Chairman Bob Smith, R-OR) will hold a hearing on accountability and civil rights at USDA. The hearing will include discussion on H.R. 2185, a bill to establish equitable service for customers and equal opportunity for employees of the Department of Agriculture.

Oct. 23            10:00 am                    1300 Longworth Bldg.

**FLOOD CONTROL AT DEVILS LAKE** - The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (Chairman John Chafee, R-R.I.) will hold a hearing on the Army Corps of Engineers' flood control plan at Devils Lake, North Dakota.

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**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**EQIP HEARING** - The House Agriculture Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research (Chairman Larry Combest R-TX) will hold an oversight hearing on the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Nov. 4            tba                            1300 Longworth

**TARGET ADJOURNMENT DATE FOR 1st SESSION** - Congressional leaders have begun commenting on potential adjournment dates for the end of the first session of the 105th Congress. The first published schedules for the session listed November 14th as the target date. Some members are currently suggesting a November 7th adjournment. The 2nd session of 105th Congress will begin in January, 1998.

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