

## **11/24/2003 Entry: "COOL: Contact Senators/Representatives"**

OCM Action Alert

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Dear OCM members and friends: We need to be diligent in preserving the victory on COOL from last week and focus on the next step - the Conference Committee made up of House and Senate representatives to work out the differences between their respective versions of the Agricultural Appropriations Bills. Michael Stumo, OCM

Background: The House and Senate Appropriations Conference Committee began work today to reconcile the differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill. Only the House bill contains the anti-COOL language (Bonilla amendment). The Senate version is accompanied by the Sense of the Senate Amendment that instructs the conferees to not accept the Bonilla amendment. However, the Sense of the Senate Amendment is not binding. Congress is scheduled to adjourn November 21, 2003 which includes having the appropriation conference report accepted in both Congressional chambers.

Status: COOL opponents suffered such a huge loss in the Senate that they now know they cannot defeat COOL in the open. So, they re now working to defeat COOL behind closed doors. We must do two things to keep COOL in the open: 1) Weaken our opponents resolve to kill COOL. 2) Give the Conferees a good reason to honor the Sense of the Senate Amendment by removing the anti-COOL language.

Action: Below is the list of 28 Senators and Representatives who sit on the Appropriations Conference Committee:

If your Senator and/or Representative is on the list and supported COOL, call and/or fax them to thank them for their support and encourage them to continue supporting independent cattle producers in the Conference Committee.

If your Senator and/or Representative is on the list and did not support COOL, tell them you are disappointed in their previous votes, but also tell them you hope they will reconsider their position by supporting independent cattle producers in the Conference Committee.

If you do not have a Senator or Representative on the Conference Committee, or if your Senator or Representative is already supporting COOL, look at the notes below and pick and choose who you want to call and/or fax.

Note: When calling the Senate and House Chairman of Agriculture Appropriations, make clear that they assume responsibility for all American producers when they accept the role of Chairman of a committee. Here is a suggested introduction when calling the two Chairmen:

I am calling as a cattle producer in support of COOL. I recognize you as the Chairman of this important committee and a delegate of American agriculture in Washington, D.C."

We ll keep you informed as developments occur. GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR CALLS and FAXES!

The Conference Committee (28 Members)

Senators Who Recently Voted to Support COOL (8):

Conrad Burns (R-MT) phone: 202-224-2644 Notes: More calls needed but only from MT

Fax: 202-224-8594

Arlen Specter (R-PA) phone: 202-224-4254 Notes: More calls definitely needed from anywhere.

Fax: 202-228-1229

Byron Dorgan (D-ND) phone: 202-224-2551 Notes: Strong COOL supporter, no calls needed.

Fax: 202-224-1193

Tim Johnson (D-SD) phone: 202-224-5842 Notes: Strong COOL supporter, no calls needed.

Fax: 202-228-5765

Herbert Kohl (D-WI) phone: 202-224-5653 Notes: Strong COOL supporter, only calls from WI.

Fax: 202-224-9787

Tom Harkin (D-IA) phone: 202-224-3254 Notes: Strong COOL supporter, no calls needed.

Fax: 202-224-9369

Diane Feinstein (D-CA) phone: 202-224-3841 Notes: More calls needed but only from CA.

Fax: 202-228-3954

Mary Landrieu (D-LA) phone: 202-224-5824 Notes: More calls needed but only from LA.

Fax: 202-224-9735

Senators Who Recently Voted Against COOL (7):

Larry Craig (R-ID) phone: 202-224-2752 Notes: Needs lots of calls from everywhere.

Fax: 202-228-1067

Sam Brownback (R-KS) phone: 202-224-6521 Notes: Needs lots of calls from KS, TX, NE.

Fax: 202-228-1265

Mitch McConnell (R-KY) phone: 202-224-2541 Notes: Needs lots of calls from KY, TN, VA, WV.

Fax: 202-224-2499

Thad Cochran (R-MS) phone: 202-224-5054 Notes: Needs lots of calls from MS, AL, LA, MO.

Fax: 202-224-9450

Kit Bond (R-MO) phone: 202-224-5721 Notes: Needs lots of calls from MO, KS, IA.

Fax: 202-224-8149

Robert Bennett (R-UT) phone: 202-224-5270 Notes: He is the Senate Chairman of Ag Approps.

Fax: 202-224-9087 Needs lots of calls from everywhere

Richard Durbin (D-IL) phone: 202-224-2152 Notes: Needs lots of calls from IL, IA, MO.

Fax: 202-228-0400

Representatives Who Recently Voted to Support COOL (2):

Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) phone: 202-225-4146 Notes: Need thanks from OH and eastern states.

Fax: 202-225-7711

Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) phone: 202-225-3661 Notes: Need thanks from CT and eastern states.

Fax: 202-225-4890

Representatives Who Recently Voted Against COOL (9):

Henry Bonilla (R-TX) phone: 202-225-2638 Notes: He is the House Chairman of Ag Approps.

Fax: 202-225-2535 He hates COOL, needs calls from everywhere.

James Walsh (R-NY) phone: 202-225-3701 Notes: Needs lots of calls from eastern states.

Fax: 202-225-4042

Jack Kinston (R-GA) phone: 202-225-5831 Notes: Needs lots of calls from southern states.

Fax: 202-226-2269

George Nethercutt (R-WA) phone: 202-225-2006 Notes: Needs lots of calls from western states.

Fax: 202-225-3392

Tom Latham (R-IA) phone: 202-225-5476 Notes: Needs lots of calls from Midwest states.

Fax: 202-225-3301

Sam Farr (D-CA) phone: 202-225-2861 Notes: Needs lots of calls from CA, western states.

Fax: 202-225-6791

F. Allen Boyd, Jr. (D-FL) phone: 202-225-5235 Notes: Needs lots of calls from FL, southern states

Fax: 202-225-5615

Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO) phone: 202-225-4404 Notes: Needs lots of calls from MO, southern states.

Fax: 202-226-0326

Virgil Goode (R-VA) phone: 202-225-4711 Notes: Needs lots of calls from VA, eastern states.

Fax: 202-225-5681

Representatives Who Did Not Vote on COOL (2):

Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) phone: 202-225-6335 Notes: Needs lots of calls from NY, eastern states.

Fax: 202-226-0774

Ray LaHood (R-IL) phone: 202-225-6201 Notes: Needs lots of calls from IL, Midwest states.

Fax: 202-225-9249