

## **11/24/2003 Entry: "R-CALF USA Update on COOL"**

We Need A COOL Blitz Beginning 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time Monday Morning

Background: It is sad but true that the President of the United States and the Republican Leadership of both the House and the Senate are trying desperately to kill COOL. They have caved in to meatpacker pressure. Their initial plan calls for a two-year delay of COOL for all commodities (except wild fish: Chairman Stevens reportedly made a deal to allow his Alaskan fishermen to benefit from COOL on schedule). Their final plan is to kill COOL completely. They are doing this behind closed doors. They have turned this into a partisan issue. They are pressuring both Republican and Democrat COOL supporters in Congress to undermine everything you've done to pass the COOL law. Our supporters are being strong-armed. The Republican leadership is threatening to shut down the government if Congress won't support delaying COOL.

Now is not the time to give up. Now is the time to get serious. Now is the time to demand accountability from Congress. Now is the time for a nation-wide BLITZ!

Action: Your assignment, if you decide to accept, is to make COOL a "Do Not Touch" issue in the appropriations process. Beginning at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time Monday, November 24, 2003, we must deliver a profound, united message to Congress.

We recommend you deliver the following three-part message to Congress:

1. Do not approve any Appropriations Bill that delays COOL!
2. If the leadership threatens a shut-down of government, then vote for another Continuing Resolution to keep the government funded until full COOL funding is restored!
3. COOL is an election issue! Congress passed the COOL law, we expect Congress to defend it!

We recommend you deliver your message to the following Congressional Leaders:

Senator Ted Stevens (R-AK)

Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee

Phone: 202-224-7363

Fax: 202-228-0248

Representative Bill Young (R-FL)

Chairman, House Appropriations Committee

Phone: 202-225-2771

Fax: 202-225-9764

Senator Robert Bennett (R-UT)

Chairman, Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee

Phone: 202-224-5270

Fax: 202-224-9087

Representative Dennis Hassert (R-IL)

Speaker of the House

Phone: 202-225-0600

Fax: 202-225-0697

Senator Bill Frist (R-TN)

Majority Leader

Phone: 202-224-3135

Fax: 202-228-1264

After you contact the leaders above, please call your own Senators and Representatives and tell them the same thing. You can reach them by calling the Capitol Switchboard: 202-224-3121. If you know someone in the media, ask them to call the leaders listed above to find out why they are trying to undermine COOL.

Finally, please encourage as many people as possible to make these calls beginning Monday.

Thanks and Good Luck