

# Legislative roundup

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No trouble is expected from Gov. Thornburgh who has pushed both SB 10 and the budget all along.

Passage of the budget means the road is opened for congressional action on several ag bills.

Among high priority items is the Milk Security Fund legislation which is on the agenda for this coming Friday.

Representative Reno Thomas is expected to introduce a bill which would make Johnsongrass a

noxious weed.

The other Noxious Weed bill is sidetracked for the moment, awaiting resolution of who will be on the panel to declare a given weed noxious. The Game Commission and several conservation groups seek representation not provided under the current bill.

HB 1794, the right to farm legislation which would prohibit municipalities from making any law forbidding generally accepted farm practices, was reported out of the Senate Ag Committee Monday.

The major block to any of these bills passing is time. The lawmakers were to keep at their job until July 2.

But observers on the Hill have noticed signs of unrest, and are speculating the solons will close up shop early, perhaps as soon as the end of next week.—CH

# Acid rain meeting scheduled for June 19

HARRISBURG — Acid rain may affect the safety of drinking water supplies, the productivity of crops and forests as well as soils, the water quality of streams and lakes, the finishes of automobiles, buildings and

monuments, and the amount of fish and other aquatic life found in bodies of water.

Many people believe that acid rain is our next environmental crisis while others feel that sufficient information about the problem does not yet exist, according to the Capitol Region Planning and Development Agency.

Individuals and groups concerned about his issue are invited to participate in a meeting where available information on the subject will be presented. This meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 19 at the Swatara Township Municipal Building, located at 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, near Harrisburg.

James Lynch of Penn State will give a brief background of the issue, along with suspected effects on water quality, agriculture and forests.

James Salvaggio of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources' Bureau of Air Quality will discuss alternative solutions and costs to reduce this problem.

Time will be reserved for questions and for discussion of possible solutions.

This meeting is being sponsored by the Capitol Region Planning and Development Agency in its effort to provide a forum for residents to express their views on water quality issues.

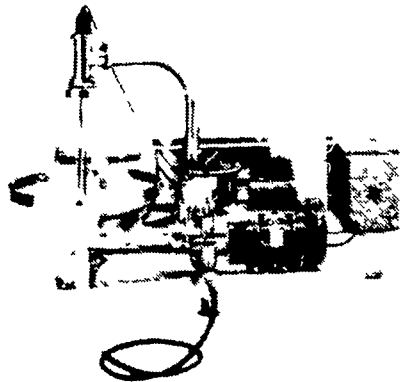
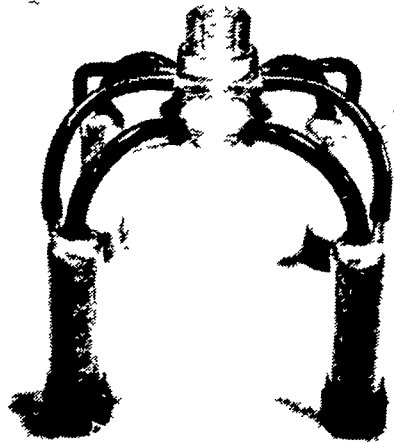
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