

SDASCOE 2016 Fall Board Legislative Committee Report

Until the election is over, not much is getting done legislatively. If the Senate control would happen to change, the lame duck session could be used to try to get some wish list things accomplished.

In visiting with Rick Vallery from Congresswoman Kristi Noem's office he stated that they are looking at the way that ARC-CO yields are being established. They have received concerns from producers that the process isn't working as intended. The use of the NASS yield data is being questioned because in South Dakota there are not a lot of producers that respond to the surveys. He appreciates that FSA is encouraging producers to complete the surveys.

The 24 million acre cap on CRP is also being looked at. They would like to get additional acres for the program. This of course will be limited by the budget.

The probability that a budget will pass is not very likely. Continuing resolutions will more likely be what we operate under for FY17.

The 2017 pay increase is looking like a 1% across the board with an additional amount for locality pay. The average raise being 1.6%

We had four members that attended the Leadership/Legislative conference held in September and we appreciate their willingness to attend. Their reports will be available on the website.

Respectfully submitted:

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