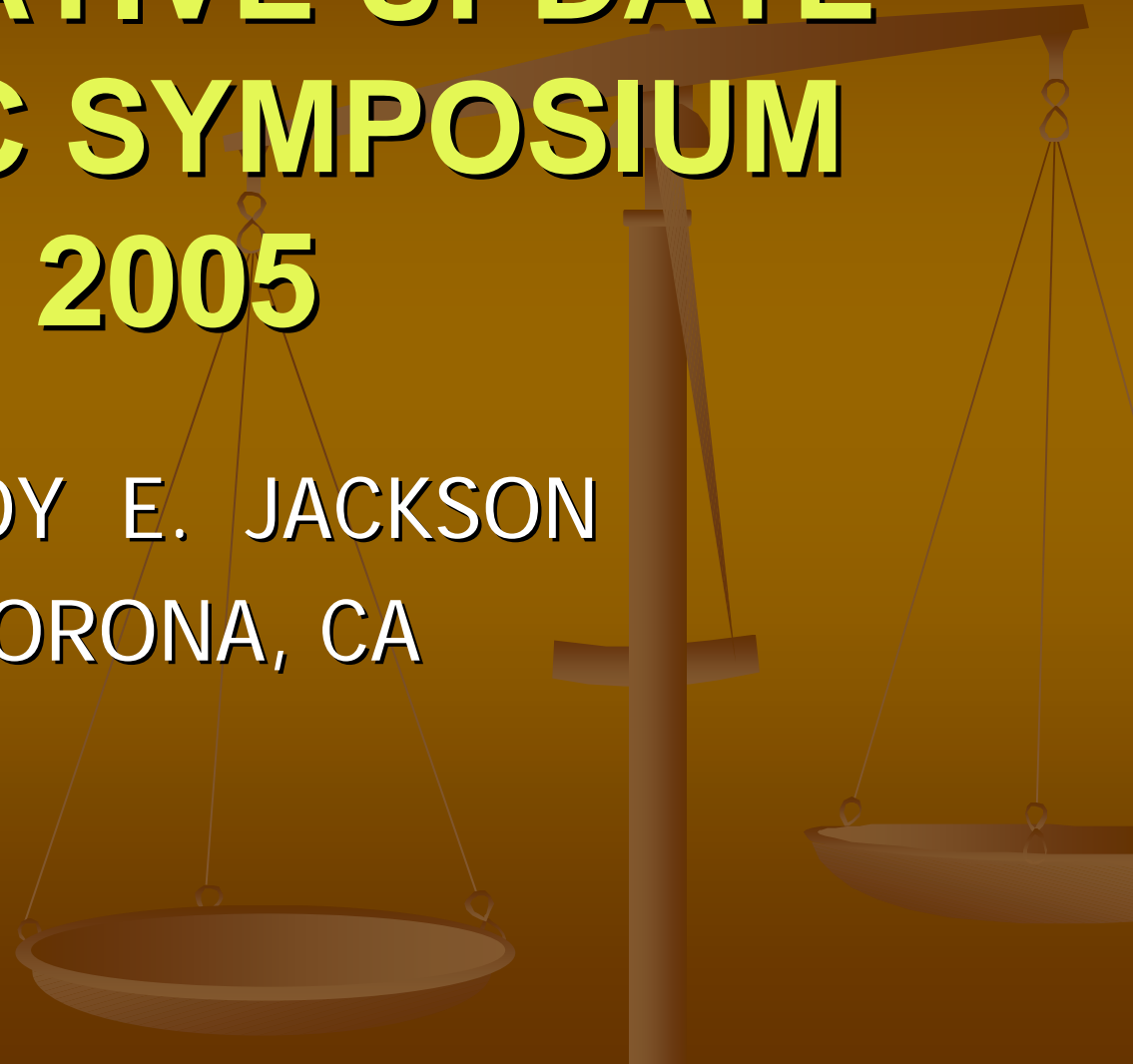


# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE CAL-IPC SYMPOSIUM 2005

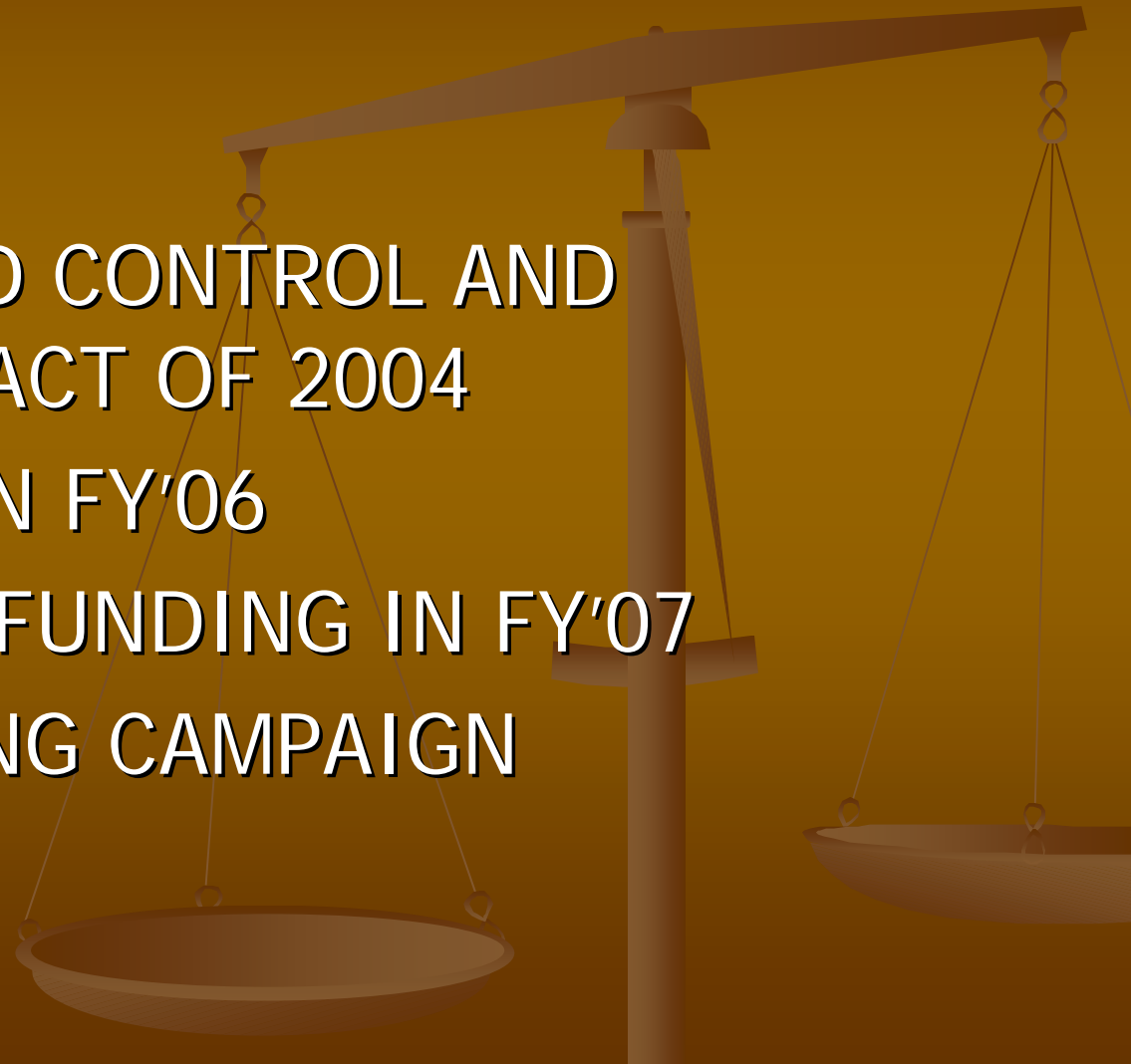
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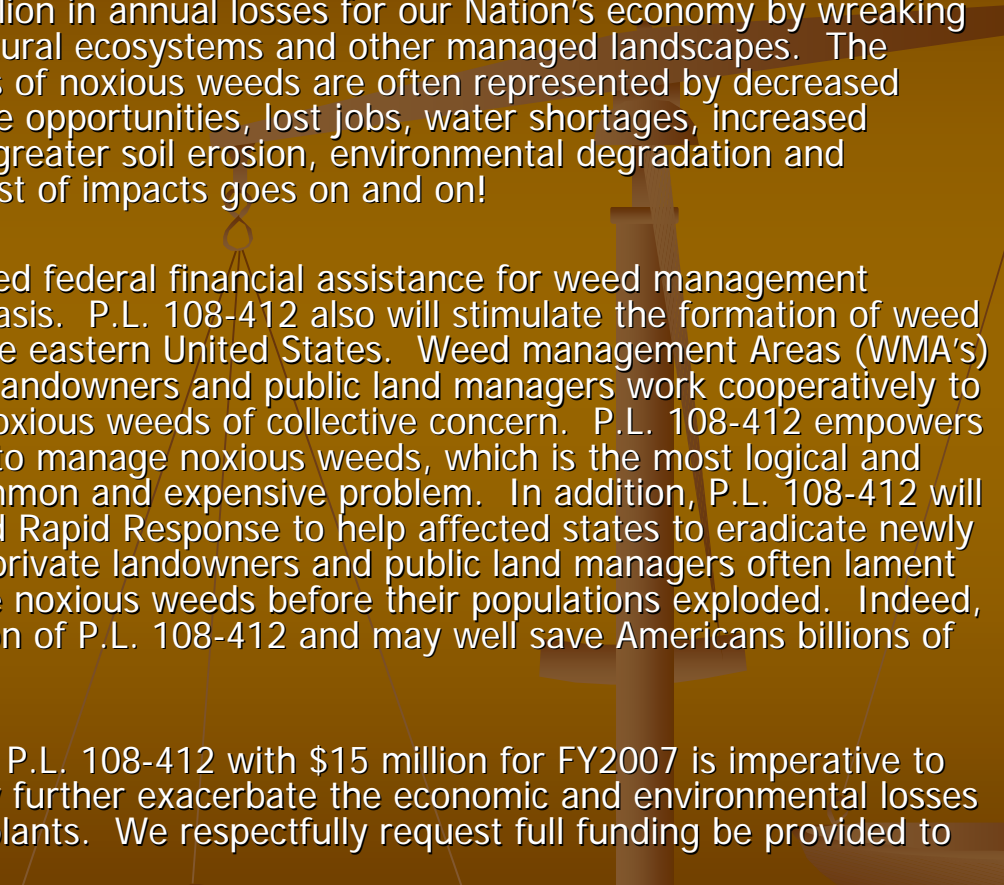


# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## PL 108-412

- (S144)
- NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AND ERADICATION ACT OF 2004
- NOT FUNDED IN FY'06
- BIG PUSH FOR FUNDING IN FY'07
- LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN



- To: The Honorable ...
  - Re: Funding P.L. 108-412
  
  - We respectfully request full funding at \$15 million for FY2007 for the Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Act of 2004, P.L. 108-412, which was passed by the 108th Congress and signed into law by President Bush on October 30, 2004.
  
  - Noxious weeds cause at least \$32 billion in annual losses for our Nation's economy by wreaking havoc in natural ecosystems, agricultural ecosystems and other managed landscapes. The economic and environmental impacts of noxious weeds are often represented by decreased agricultural production, reduced trade opportunities, lost jobs, water shortages, increased frequency and intensity of wildfires, greater soil erosion, environmental degradation and decreased biological diversity - this list of impacts goes on and on!
  
  - P.L. 108-412 will provide badly needed federal financial assistance for weed management projects awarded on a competitive basis. P.L. 108-412 also will stimulate the formation of weed management areas, particularly in the eastern United States. Weed management Areas (WMA's) are county or regions where private landowners and public land managers work cooperatively to reach common goals by managing noxious weeds of collective concern. P.L. 108-412 empowers diverse groups to form partnerships to manage noxious weeds, which is the most logical and efficient approach to solving this common and expensive problem. In addition, P.L. 108-412 will provide funds for Early Detection and Rapid Response to help affected states to eradicate newly found noxious weed species. Many private landowners and public land managers often lament the missed opportunities to eradicate noxious weeds before their populations exploded. Indeed, this may be the most powerful portion of P.L. 108-412 and may well save Americans billions of dollars in future losses!
  
  - Support of this issue by fully funding P.L. 108-412 with \$15 million for FY2007 is imperative to avoid delays because delays will only further exacerbate the economic and environmental losses caused by this group of destructive plants. We respectfully request full funding be provided to implement this important law.
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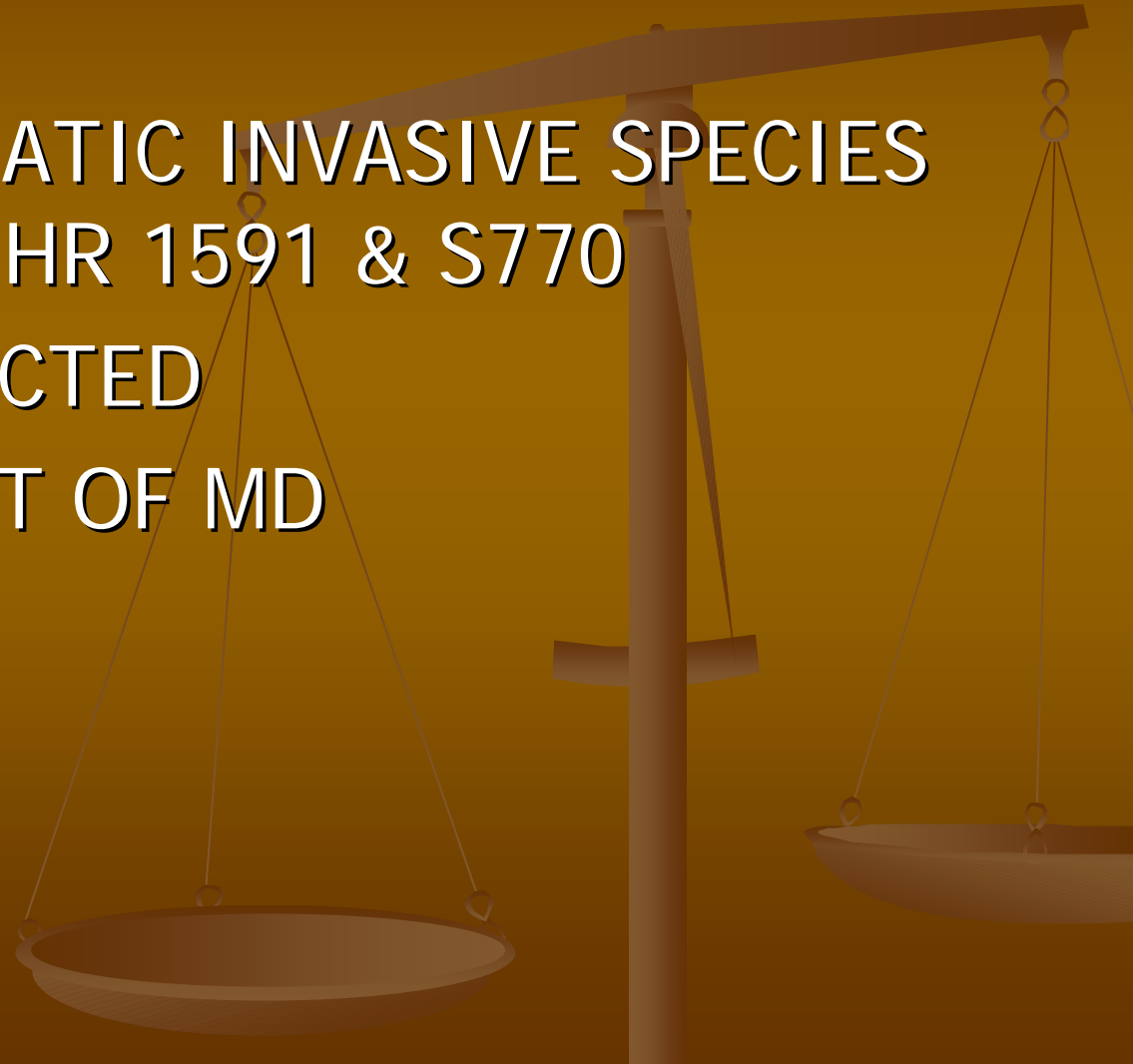
## SAFETEA

- TRANSPORTATION BILL
  - YOUNG AND INHOFE
  - (HR3) PASSED IN 2005 AND FUNDED
  - MUCH FUNDING FOR INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WAS REMOVED FROM THE BILL
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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## NAISA

- NATIONAL AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES ACT OF 2005 – HR 1591 & S770
- STILL NOT ENACTED
- REP. GILCHREST OF MD



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Endangered Species Recovery Act

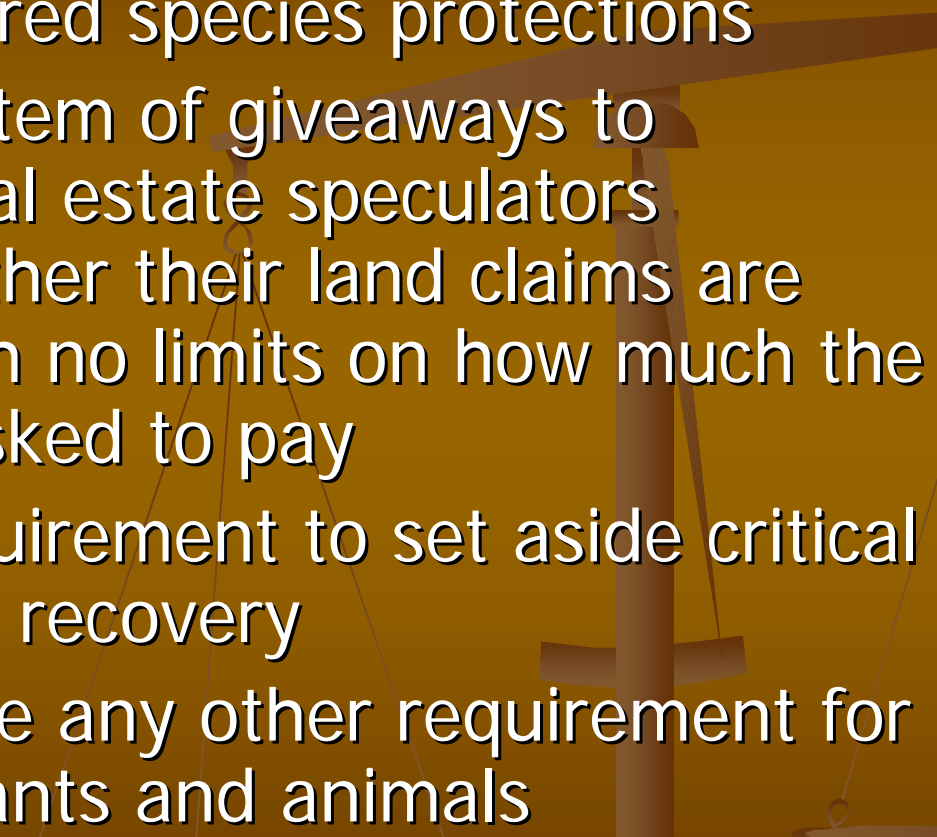
- September 28, 2005, the House passed the Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005 (bill H.R.3824), to amend and reauthorize the Endangered Species Act of 1973 introduced by the House Resources Chairman, Congressman Pombo. A provision on invasive species was removed.

# TESRA Proponents Claim:

- Focuses on species recovery
- Provides incentives
- Increases openness and accountability
- Strengthens scientific standards
- Creates bigger roles for state and local governments
- Protects private property owners
- Eliminates dysfunctional critical habitat designations



# TESRA Opponents Claim:

- Weakens endangered species protections
  - Creates a new system of giveaways to developers and real estate speculators regardless of whether their land claims are legitimate and with no limits on how much the taxpayer will be asked to pay
  - Eliminates the requirement to set aside critical habitat for species recovery
  - Fails to put in place any other requirement for the recovery of plants and animals
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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE TAMARISK/SALT CEDAR

- SALT CEDAR AND RUSSIAN OLIVE CONTROL DEMONSTRATION ACT
  - HR 2720 PEARCE AND S 177 DOMENICI
  - NOT PASSED AS YET
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# Legislative Update

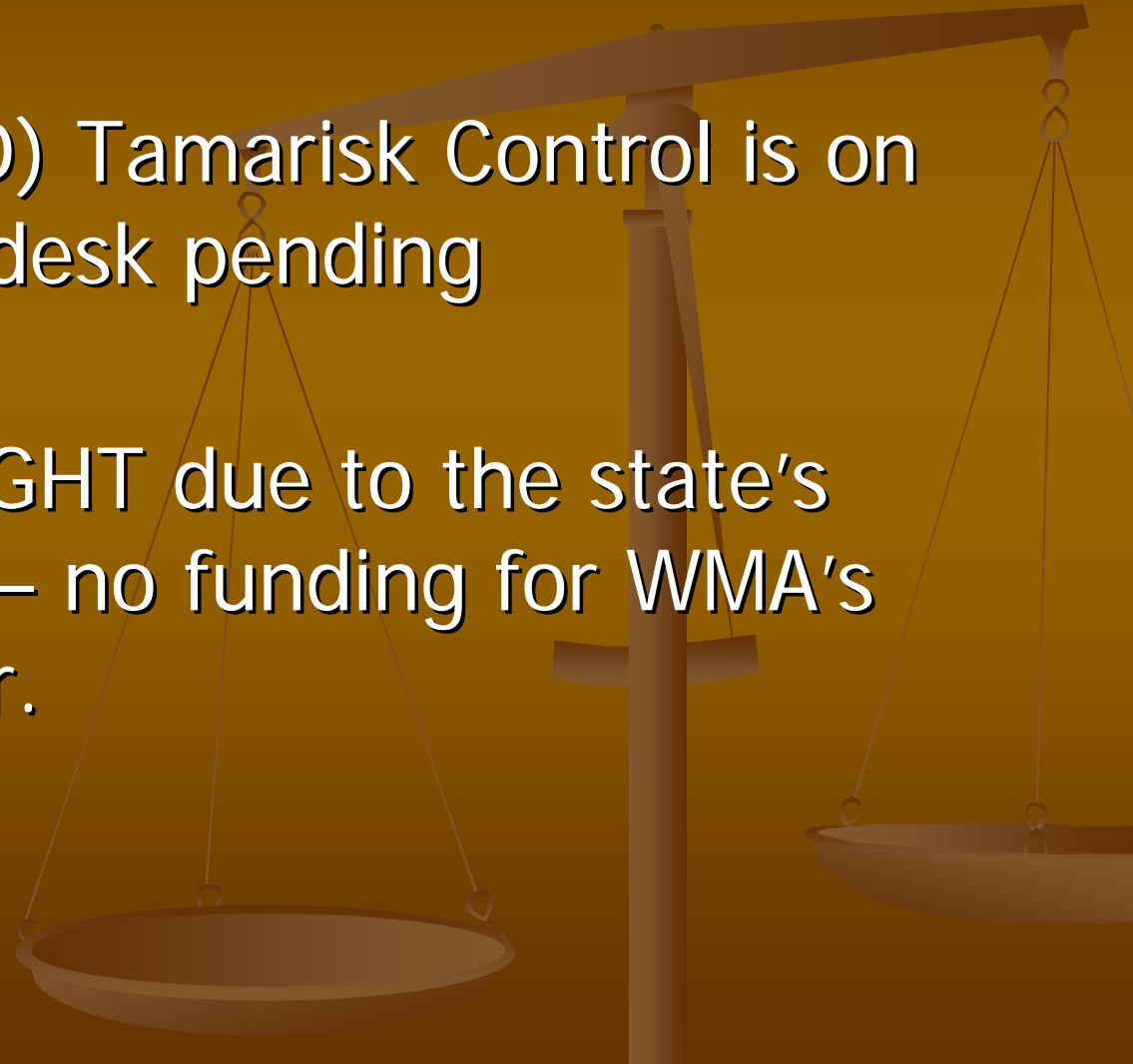
## State Side

- AB 577 (WOLK) BECAME A 2-YEAR BILL AND WILL RESURFACE NEXT YEAR. Asks for development of a state-wide plan for Invasive species. Introduced because of the veto of AB 2631 last year and the request in the governor's veto message.

# Legislative Update

## State Side

- AB 1466 (LAIRD) Tamarisk Control is on the Governor's desk pending signature/veto.
- FUNDING IS TIGHT due to the state's fiscal condition – no funding for WMA's passed this year.



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- **Media Relations 101: Growing Community Interest in NIWAW**
  - Media relations professionals will discuss tactics and preparation for getting the word out about your weed control success.
  - Monday, October 3, 2005 4 p.m. EST
  - Monday, November 7, 2005 4 p.m. EST (repeat)
  - Monday, January 9, 2006 4 p.m. EST (repeat)
  - **Legislative Visit Preparation: Making Your Visit Count**
  - Former staffers and regulatory officials will talk about fundamental things
    - that can help you get your message across to legislators.
  - Monday, October 17, 2005 4 p.m. EST
  - Monday, November 21, 2005 4 p.m. EST (repeat)
  - Monday, January 23, 2006 4 p.m. EST (repeat)
  
  - All courses are free and open to anyone interested in participating.
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  - and click "Online Seminars" to register for the courses.
  - Space is limited, so sign up early!

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