

Status of QPS Legislation within the Coop



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Contact Meeting

Summary by States

- MS – 3/3/05
- AL - 3/14/06
- TX - 9/22/06
- GA - 10/3/06
- AR - 9/29/06
- LA - 1/20/ 07
- SC - 5/15/07



Summary by States

- OK – very close, waiting for signature
- NC – final wording submitted (Dec)
- TN – working on final wording



Summary by States

- VA – needs to get refocused



A Tale of Two States

The red tape of QPS legislation



Mississippi QPS Process

- 6/20/04 Plant Protection Board contacted
- 4/10/05 QPS Rule Finalized and Passed



Methyl Bromide QPS in South Carolina



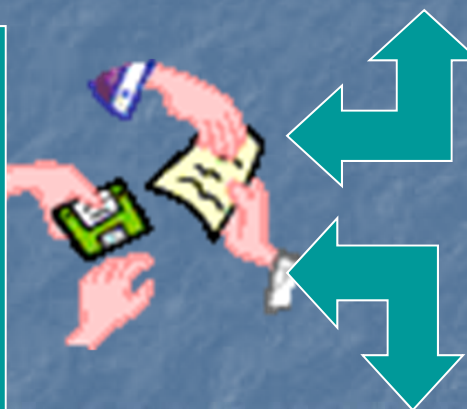
2004

2005

2006

2007

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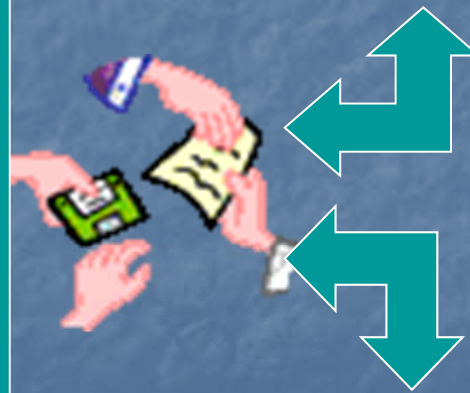
Question - Aug. 2006



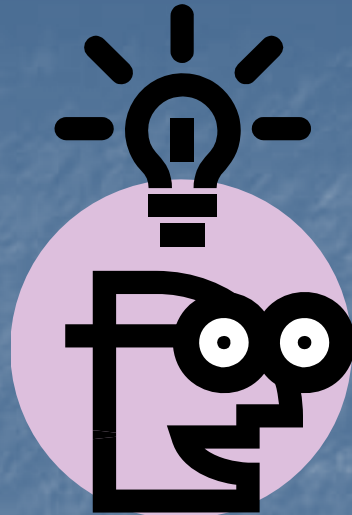
Not sure who in SC
should handle this item



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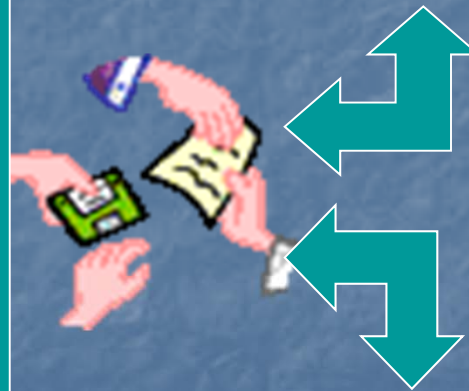
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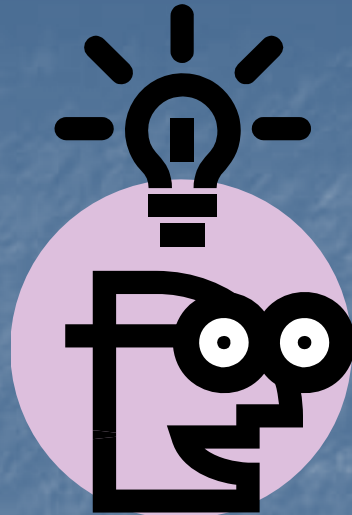
Idea # 1 - Aug. 2006

Please send suggested
wording and help
prepare a summary
document

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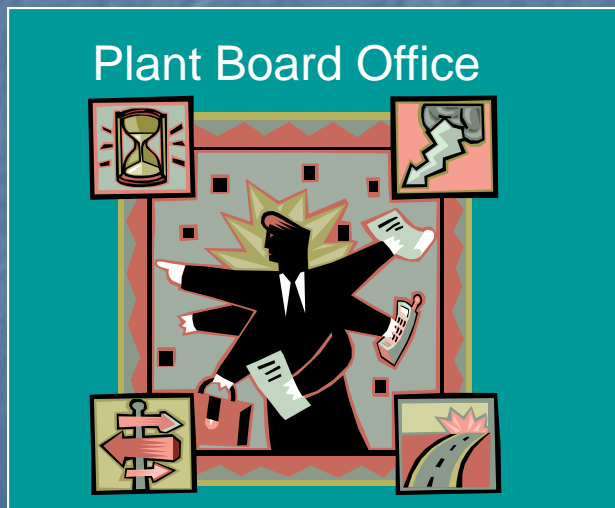


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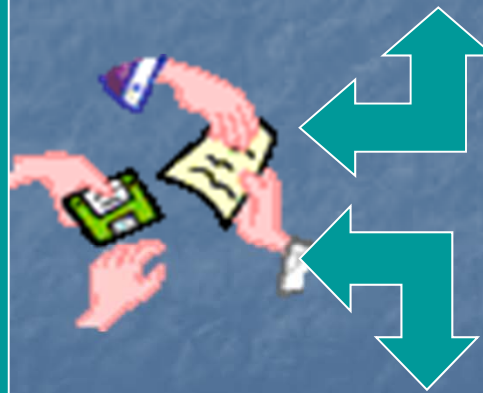


Idea #2 - Nov. 2006

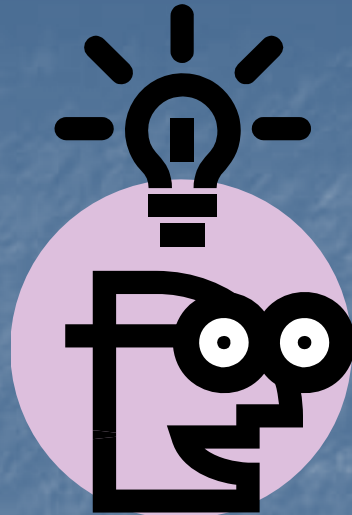
Let's get EPA to clear
up the controversy



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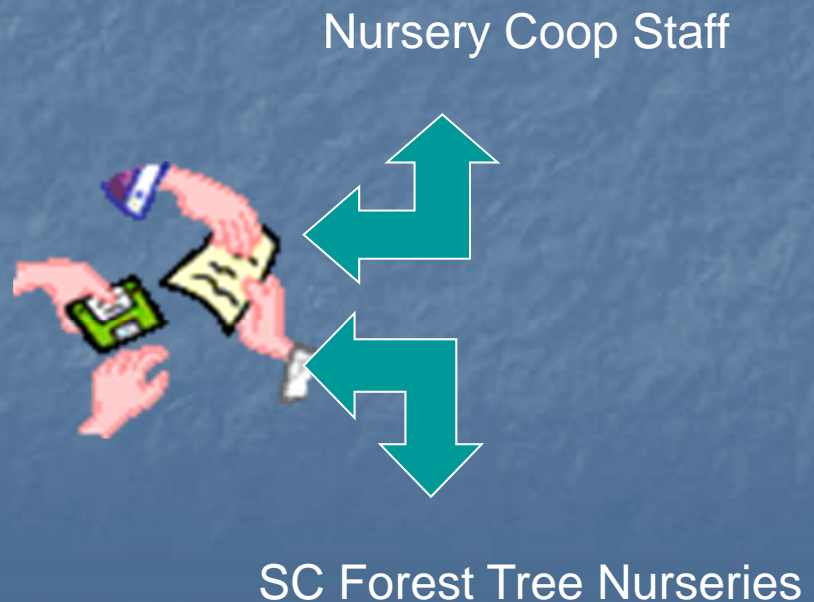


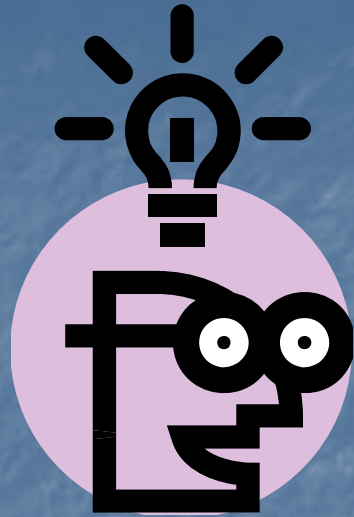
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Idea #3 - Nov. 2006

We need to have approval of
Clemson Univ. Assoc VP and also
the Univ. Board of Trustees



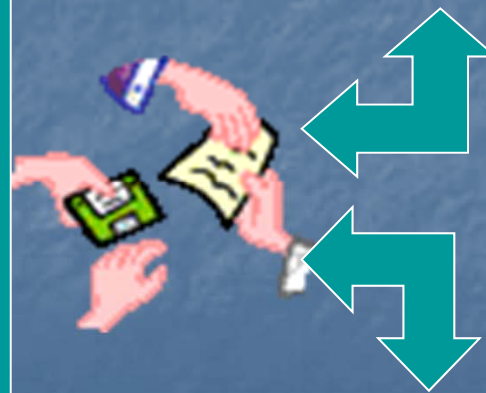


Idea #4 - Dec. 2006

We need to have the Univ. lawyers look at this for clarification.



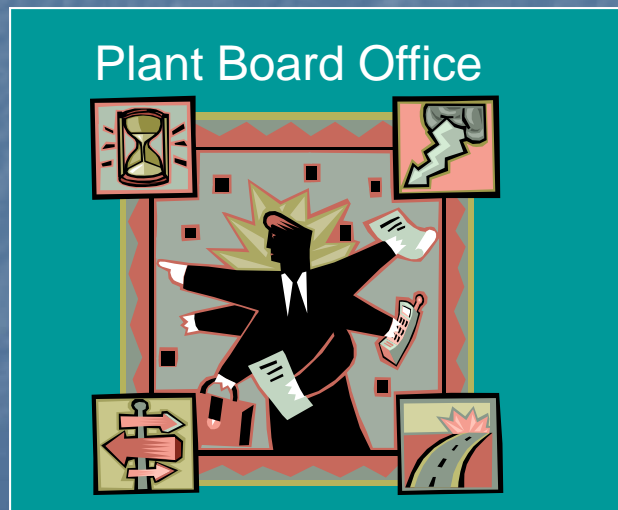
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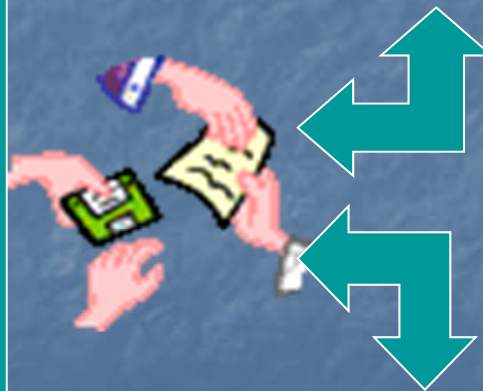
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30 Day comment period
began Dec. 4, 2006



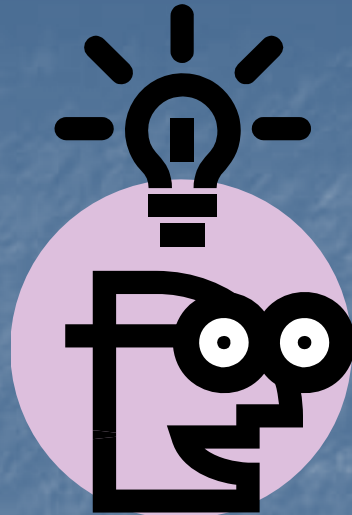
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Following the 30 day comment period - not a single negative comment was received and many positive letters from you all were received.



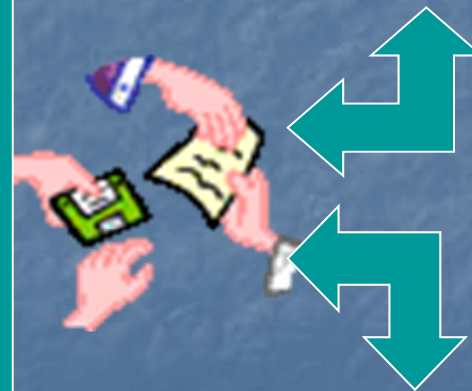


Idea #5 - March 2007

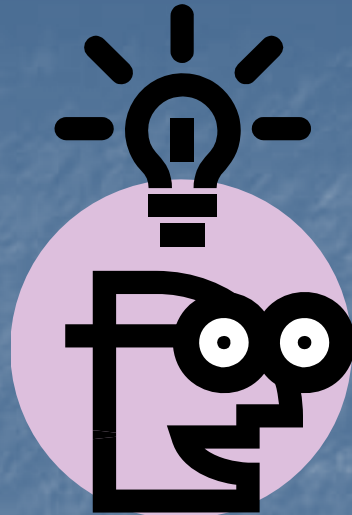
Can't decide if it should be a law or a regulation - get the lawyers involved - again.



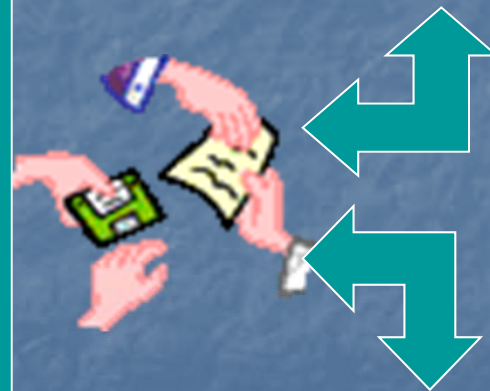
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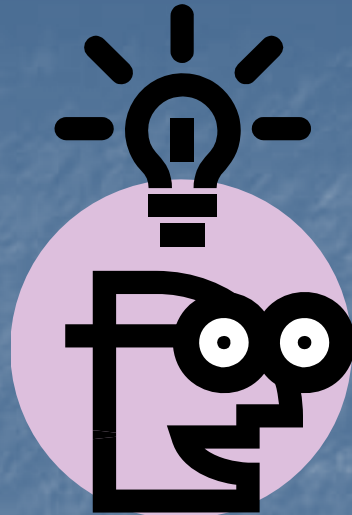


3/27/07 Senate bill SJ-5 read first time



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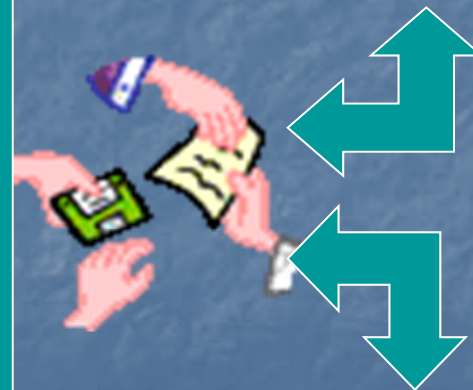
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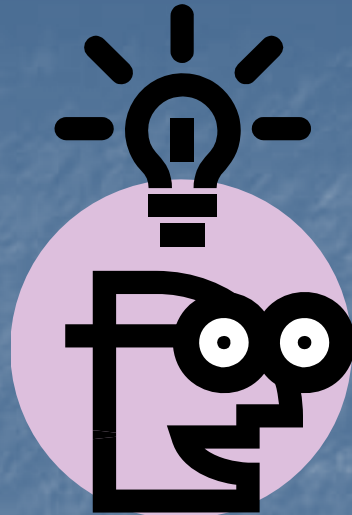
3/27/07 Senate bill SJ-5
referred to Agriculture
Committee



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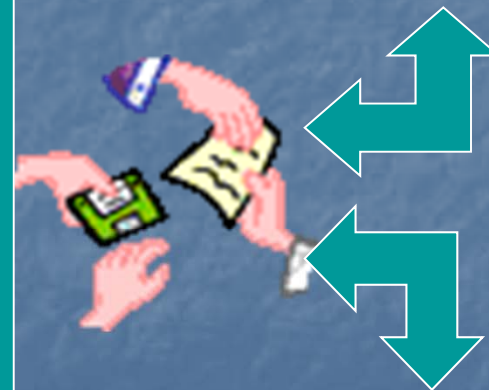
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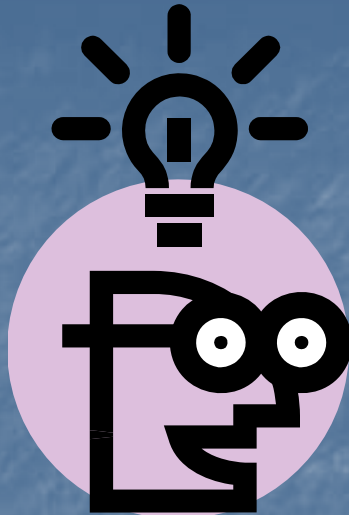
3/28/07 Agriculture Committee
report - favorable



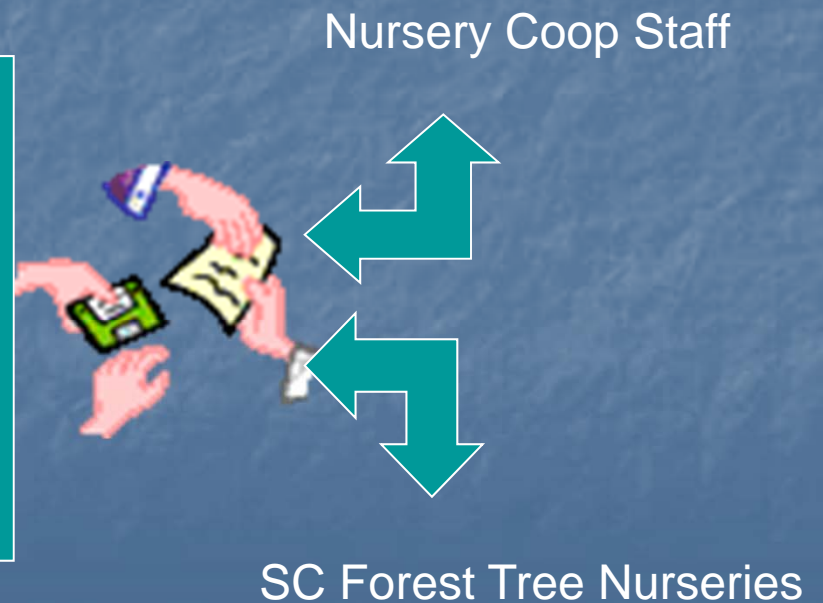
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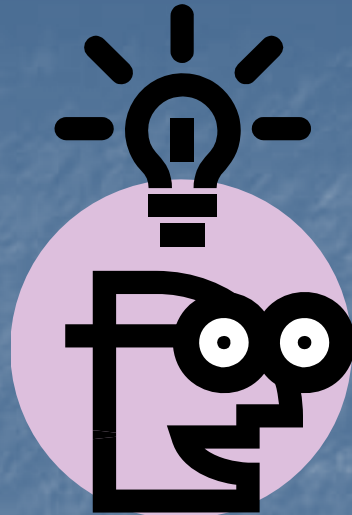


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4/3/07 Senate reads bill second time

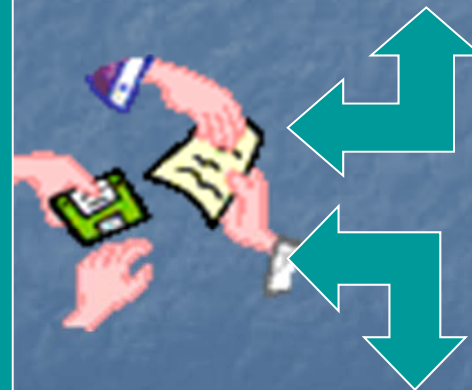




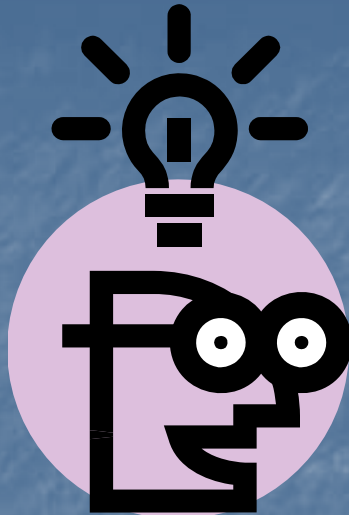
4/4/07 Senate reads bill third time & sends to House



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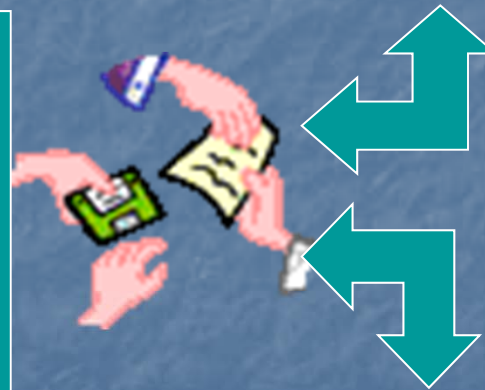
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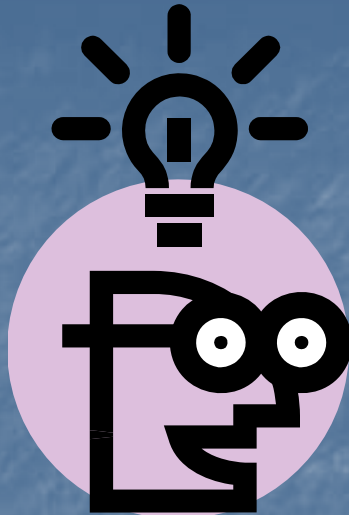
4/10/07 House reads bill first time



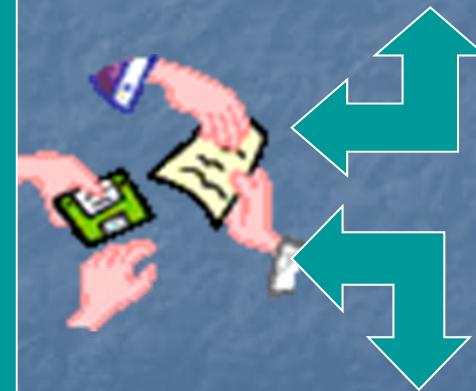
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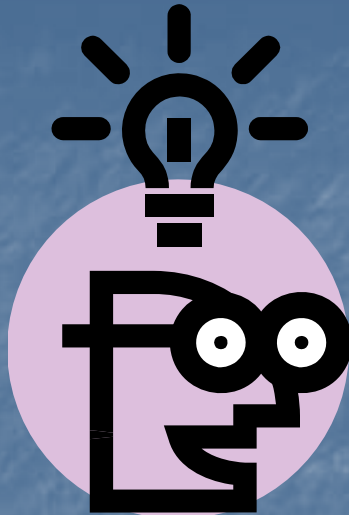


4/10/07 House refers bill to
House Ag Committee



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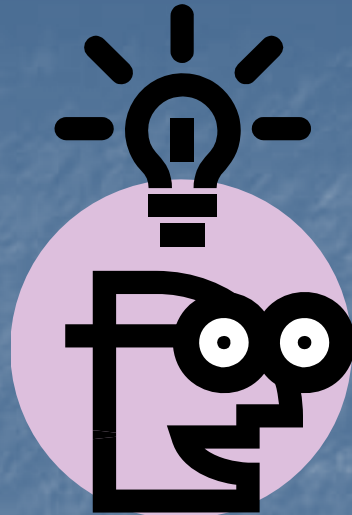


4/25/07 House Ag Committee
favorable

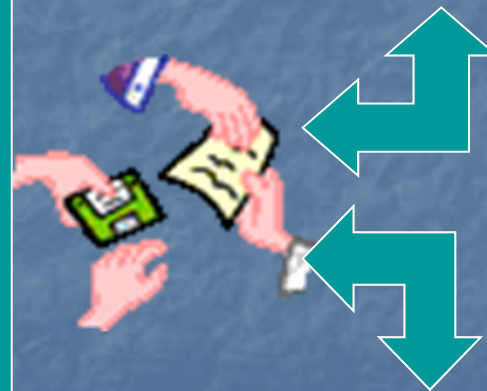


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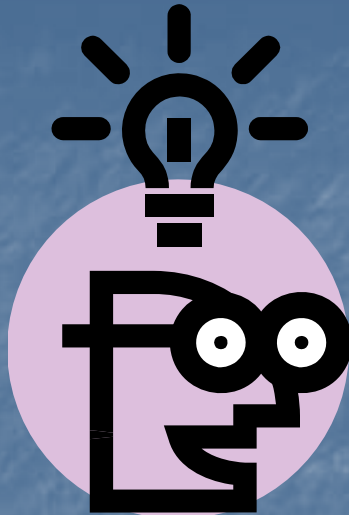


5/1/07 House reads bill
second time



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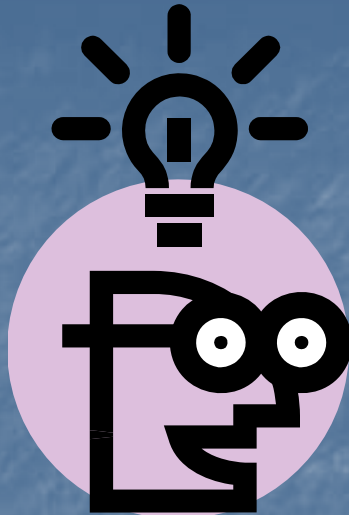


5/2/07 House reads bill third time



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5/9/07 Bill Ratified



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5/14/07 Bill signed by
Governor

Just when we thought we
could see the light at the
end of the tunnel.....



QPS may no longer be “safe”!

- At the June 2007 meeting in Nairobi...
- Environmental Investigation Agency (UN Committee) stated that the USDA has “underreported” QPS figures “. They said that urgent action is needed to cap QPS usage.
- QPS caps or reductions will be discussed at Montreal in September, 2007.

Action is needed once again!

- We need to contact our Congressmen in Washington.

