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Several of you have called the office to see what's happening with the WDO legislation. After two fast and furious weeks, activity seemed to slow down.

However, it's time to get your boots on because we're back in the saddle.

- 1 The House Ag and Consumer Affairs Committee will meet next Wednesday (Feb 24) to discuss the revised HB 1048. Thanks to our members, we know these people have received lots of calls and emails supporting the legislation – but we encourage you to keep up the activity. If you haven't called your Representative serving on the House Ag Committee, make that contact NOW.
- 2 **SENATE BILL 417 (attachment) was introduced yesterday.** Sponsored by Senator John Bulloch (Chair of the Senate Ag & Consumer Affairs Committee) this Bill mirrors the House Bill. The Senate Ag Committee meets next Thursday (Feb 25) to discuss the legislation.

We haven't asked you to call the Senate Ag Committee before, but it's time to start contacting these people and soliciting their support. (See the attached list.)

It is absolutely essential that these elected Senators and Representatives hear from their constituents. Only then can they understand the importance of this legislation. You can be certain – they are hearing from those who do not want this legislation passed. So, this isn't the time to be a bystander!

We'll keep you informed about how the meetings go next week. Keep up the good work!