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Last week, Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins testified before both the House and Senate regarding the White House's proposed FY2026 budget. During both hearings, FSA county offices were mentioned several times and always in a positive light. The links below contain recordings of the hearings.

House hearing <https://appropriations.house.gov/schedule/hearings/budget-hearing-us-department-agriculture>

Senate hearing <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/hearings/a-review-of-the-presidents-fiscal-year-2026-budget-request-for-the-department-of-agriculture>

After the Senate budget hearing the Secretary announced reorganization plans would be coming out this week sometime. However, a district court judge on Friday issued a temporary restraining order blocking the President's reorganization plans. The restraining order expires May 23.

The House of Representatives has a self-imposed deadline to have their version of the Budget Reconciliation approved before the Memorial Day recess. Once approved by the House it will then go to the Senate for consideration. It is expected the Budget Reconciliation will include the Farm Bill provisions applicable to FSA.

NASCOE is continuing to monitor all potential impacts to retirement and other employee benefits. In case you missed the last Legislative update, there was a call to action requesting members to reach out to their Representative and Senators to protect our benefits. If you are having trouble using the website, you can also reach out by mailing a letter, making a phone call, or visiting your Senators' and Representative's official webpages, which may offer additional contact options. There is still time before the Memorial Day recess to reach out and help make an impact.

As the Senators and Representatives depart for the Memorial Day recess, they might be hosting town hall meetings near you. Please consider attending those meetings on your own time. Please reach out to the Legislative Team should you



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need guidance. The NASCOE Legislative Team is making plans for in-person Capitol Hill visits during the week of June 2.

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