

## **PROPERTY RIGHTS: BILL SUPPORTERS PUSH FOR FLOOR VOTE**

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) on 7/16 introduced a new version of a bill requiring the federal gov't to compensate landowners whose property loses value due to federal regulations. Supporters are now circulating a petition to end debate on the measure and bring the bill to a floor vote.

Congressional Budget Office Dir. June O'Neill said the bill would reduce the number of claims against the gov't, but the Nat'l Wildlife Federation's Glenn **Sugameli** says that new provisions in the bill could extend coverage to the \$1 trillion mortgage-backed securities market.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-MS) has "put the bill on a list of measures he would like the Senate to consider" but left it out of the FY '97 appropriations bills. Senate action on the bill is "possible late next week, but not very likely," according to a Lott aide (CONGRESS DAILY/A.M., 7/19).

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