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Climate Change Legislation on the Rocks but EPA Regulation Still on the Table

Republican Scott Brown's historical and highly unexpected takeover of Ted Kennedy's former Massachusetts Senate seat changed a lot of things for Democrats this week. The election means they no longer hold the 60-vote supermajority that was expected to make passing major agenda items like health care and climate change much easier. Brown's victory makes it highly unlikely that climate change legislation will move in 2010.

Meanwhile, Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) is spearheading an effort to block the Environmental Protection Agency's plan to regulate carbon and other emissions under the Clean Air Act. Because the Supreme Court found that emissions endanger public health and welfare, Congress would have to act decisively to prevent EPA from independently building a regulatory structure that reduces carbon emissions under the Clean Air Act. So far, three Democrats, including Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas, have signed on to the Republican-sponsored initiative.

Plan for Upcoming Producer Meetings

Don't miss these upcoming events!

- New Mexico Grain Sorghum Producers Association Annual Meeting**, Clovis, January 25
- Oklahoma Grain Sorghum Educational Series**, [nine locations across the state](#), February 1-4
- Oklahoma Grain Sorghum Producers Association Meeting**, Hooker, February 23
- Colorado Grain Sorghum Producers Association Meeting**, Granada, February 23

A complete list of meeting times and locations can be found on [NSP's calendar](#).

Pioneer Welcomes New Sorghum Breeder

In industry news, long time Pioneer sorghum breeder Rex DeLong has announced his retirement from Pioneer effective March 1. He will be replaced by Cleve Franks. Dr. Franks has been most recently employed with Advanta U.S. in their sorghum program and has also worked on sorghum at Lubbock, Texas's Ag Research Service. Our congratulations go to Dr. DeLong on a successful career and to Dr. Franks on his move to Pioneer in Plainview, Texas.

Still Time to Register for Commodity Classic

Although the first early bird registration rate expired yesterday, it is not too late to register for Commodity Classic, the premier convention and trade show of the sorghum, corn, wheat and soybean industries. This year's Classic will be held in sunny Anaheim, Calif. March 4-6. Until February 10, register and save \$25 off the regular registration fee. To save your spot, visit www.sorghumgrowers.com and click the link for Commodity Classic.

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Quote of the Week:

*"An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last."
-- Winston Churchill*

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