

**Office of the Clerk  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District of California**

**NOTICE CONCERNING EXPIRATION OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

July 2, 2003

On December 19, 2002, the President signed legislation extending chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code for a six month period beginning January 1, 2003. Section 149(a) of division C, Pub. L. No. 105-277, 112 Stat. 2681-611 (1998) as amended by Pub. L. No. 107-377, 116 Stat. 3115 (2003). On June 23, 2003, the House of Representatives passed the Family Farmer Bankruptcy Relief Act of 2003 (H.R. 2465), a bill to temporarily extend chapter 12 another six months beginning July, 1, 2003. The bill was received in the Senate on June 24, 2003. The Senate, to date, has not acted on the bill.

Consequently, chapter 12 expired July 1, 2003. Pending chapter 12 cases are not affected by this event. Those cases, as well as all matters and proceedings related to them, should be conducted as if chapter 12 had not expired.

Chapter 12 was originally enacted in the mid-1980's as an emergency measure. It had a sunset provision and has been temporarily extended by Congress several times. We will keep you informed of further developments.