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### **Senate To Vote On Two Bills Tomorrow!**

*By Bob Gray*

The Senate will vote tomorrow on the President's proposal to re-open the government and provide funding for a border barrier between the U.S. and Mexico as well as a number of other immigration related provisions that were outlined in yesterday's Special Edition. The Senate Democrats will offer a competing version that would re-open the government until February 8<sup>th</sup>. Both bills need 60 votes to be considered by the full Senate.

### **USDA Opens County Field Offices With Skeleton Crews**

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The department of Agriculture has announced that Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices would be open to provide for the following essential services for farmers and ranchers during the shutdown. FSA staff will work on the following transactions:

- Market Facilitation Program
- Marketing Assistance Loans
- Release of collateral warehouse receipts
- Direct and Guaranteed Farm Operating Loans, and Emergency Loans
- Service existing Conservation Reserve Program contracts
- Sugar Price Support Loans
- **Dairy Margin Protection Program**
- Agricultural Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage
- Livestock Forage Disaster
- Emergency Assistance Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-raised Fish Program
- Livestock Indemnity Program
- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program
- Tree Assistance Program
- Remaining Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program payments for applications already processed

