**Congress Begins Work on Appropriations Bills:** This week the House appropriations subcommittees will mark-up the fiscal year 2021 appropriations act for USDA and EPA which includes all rural water appropriations priorities ([House Appropriations Committee](#)).

**Country’s Largest Water Utility Association Appoints New CEO** ([NRWA](#)).

**Water Lawyers Comments on Senate Privatization Bill:** Last week’s [Advisory](#) featured Senate activity on legislation supported by and helpful to the private water industry. Attorney Elizabeth Dietzmann commented, “There is no need for legislation to ‘authorize’ the formation of partnerships that can and do already happen. This legislation is a heavy-handed attempt to force systems into partnerships with for profit water companies and to tie the hands of regulators who might want to try the many other options available to them before mandating a system merger with a for profit company. That should be a last resort not a first resort.”

**House Passes Moving Forward Act:** Just before adjourning for the July 4th recess, the House approved their $1.5 trillion infrastructure package which includes reauthorizing the Clean Water State Revolving Fund at $8 billion for five years and $4.5 billion a year over five years for lead pipe replacement. The bill is not expected to be considered in the Senate ( ).

**New Hampshire Senator Investigating Connection Between PFAS Exposure in Drinking Water and Elevated Risk of Coronavirus** ([New Hampshire News](#)).

**Rural Illinois New Water Hookup Causes Lines to Break with Water Loss for 6 Hours** ([News](#)).

**Jim Jacobs of Ripon, Wisconsin Awarded “Operator of the Year”** ([Ripon Press](#)).

**Rural Water Groundwater Quality May Be China’s Pollution Nightmare:** Thousands of China’s underground wells are unfit for drinking or bathing ([NYTimes](#)).

**Water Crisis Returns To Warm Springs, Oregon As Virus Cases Rise; 60% of the reservation is in the category of low water pressure** ([Public TV](#)).