

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

NOTICE Re: CHAPTER 12 LEGISLATION

On December 19, 2002, the President signed into law H.R. 5472 (P. L. 107-377, 116 Stat. 3115), extending chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code for six months, beginning January 1, 2003.

Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code which expired on July 1, 2003, pursuant to section 10814 of public law number 107-171 was signed into law by President Bush on Friday, August 15, 2003. The bill retroactively renewed and extended family farmer bankruptcy protection until January 1, 2004. **Chapter 12 has now expired.** This event does not affect pending Chapter 12 cases.

The House of Representatives and the Senate have both passed the S. 1920, a 6 month extension of Chapter 12 until July 1, 2004 but to date, Congress has not acted on the bill. **Therefore, Chapter 12 is no longer an option and new Chapter 12 cases will not be accepted for filing.**

DIANE ZECH
CLERK OF COURT

January 2, 2004