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### HOUSE APPROVES NAHASDA REAUTHORIZATION

**Washington, DC** – Today the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination (NAHASDA) Reauthorization Act of 2007. “The House has shown its unequivocal commitment to address the dire housing needs of Indian Country,” said Marty Shuravloff, Chairman of the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC).

As Chief sponsor for reauthorization, Rep. Dale Kildee, D-Mich., spearheaded a bi-partisan effort to push for passage of this important Indian legislation, HR 2786.

Originally enacted in 1996, NAHASDA consolidated several federal housing programs into a single, formula-based block grant program. Built on the solid foundation of Indian self-determination law and policy, NAHASDA recognized tribal authority to provide housing and related infrastructure to their members in a way that maximizes tribal decision-making and flexibility in meeting their housing goals.

“This vote today means that Indian housing has passed a major milestone on the road to reauthorization. Passage of this bill in the House helps ensure that tribes and their housing authorities are provided the urgently needed tools to continue the efforts to improve the housing conditions that our people face every day,” according to Marty Shuravloff.

“The amendment to expand housing and community development loan programs to include tribes is a welcome addition to NAHASDA,” Marty Shuravloff concluded. This economic development amendment was sponsored by Rep. Steve Pearce, R-New Mex.

Congressman Kildee shepherded the legislation through the Financial Services Committee, headed by Chairman Barney Frank, D-Mass., and was joined by co-sponsors, Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., also Chairwoman of the Sub-Committee on Housing and Community Opportunity, Rep. Dan Boren, D-Okla., Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., Rep. Steve Pearce, R-New Mex., and Rick Renzi, R-Ariz..

The NAIHC is composed of 265 members, representing 428 tribes, and is the only national Indian organization representing Native American housing interests. For more information on this hearing or other housing news, please visit [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net).

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