



The Federal Monitor

The Federal Monitor

News of Issues Affecting Tribes and Tribal Housing Programs

Volume 8, No. 5
September 30, 2008

*A publication of
the NATIONAL
AMERICAN
INDIAN
HOUSING
COUNCIL*

National American Indian Housing Council

NAIHC, a not-for-profit organization, assists tribes and tribal housing entities in reaching their goal of providing culturally relevant, decent, safe, sanitary and quality affordable housing for Native people in Indian communities, Alaska Native Villages and Hawaiian Home Lands.

Office of Governmental Affairs

*50 F Street NW
Suite 3300
Washington DC
20001*

Ph: (202) 789-1754
Fax: (202) 789-1758

Wendy L. Helgemo
Director

www.naihc.net

A BREAKTHROUGH ON NAHASDA

NAHASDA is on its way to the President's desk! Dramatically, last week, the Senate, then the House, passed H.R. 2786 – the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2008 - in the closing hours of this Congressional session before dealing with the economic crisis and adjournment for the November election. See the [press release](http://www.naihc.net/NAIHC/files/ccLibraryFiles/Filename/000000001973/NAHASDA-Press-Release-September-27-2008.pdf) at <http://www.naihc.net/NAIHC/files/ccLibraryFiles/Filename/000000001973/NAHASDA-Press-Release-September-27-2008.pdf>.

H.R. 2786 includes final compromises made between the Senate and the House through informal conferencing and negotiations. Largely, the bill remains the same as the Senate's version – S.2062. See the [final bill](http://www.naihc.net/NAIHC/files/ccLibraryFiles/Filename/000000001971/H-R-2786.pdf) at <http://www.naihc.net/NAIHC/files/ccLibraryFiles/Filename/000000001971/H-R-2786.pdf>. The latest changes were: renumbering to the House number; compromise language relating to housing assistance to the Cherokee Nation and a modified GAO study. See a [one pager](http://www.naihc.net/NAIHC/files/ccLibraryFiles/Filename/000000001974/HR-2786-One-Pager-092908.pdf) at <http://www.naihc.net/NAIHC/files/ccLibraryFiles/Filename/000000001974/HR-2786-One-Pager-092908.pdf>. See the full [section by section](http://www.naihc.net/NAIHC/files/ccLibraryFiles/Filename/000000001983/NAHASDA-sec-by-sec-093008.pdf) at <http://www.naihc.net/NAIHC/files/ccLibraryFiles/Filename/000000001983/NAHASDA-sec-by-sec-093008.pdf>.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Thank your Members of Congress for passing this major piece of Indian legislation related to housing and community development.
2. Thank the leadership of the House for getting the job done: Rep. Dale Kildee; Rep. Barney Frank; Rep. Steve Pearce and Rep. Nancy Pelosi.
3. Thank the leadership of the Senate in pushing this bill through: Senator Byron Dorgan; Senator Lisa Murkowski; Senator Christopher Dodd; Senator Richard Shelby; Senator Harry Reid and Senator Mitch McConnell.
4. Tell them how NAHASDA programs improve housing and the quality of life in your communities.

THANK YOU!

NAIHC thanks you for your ongoing support and advocacy.

NAIHC thanks the Leadership of the House and Senate and all co-sponsors.

Many thanks to the NAIHC Membership, NAIHC Board of Directors, tribal leaders, and especially the NAIHC Legislative Committee.

A photo archive of NAIHC's efforts to reauthorize NAHASDA can be found at www.naihc.net.