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A NEW PRESIDENT, A NEW CONGRESS

An historic moment, Barack Obama has been elected the President of the United States! We have a lot of work ahead of us to educate the new Administration and a new Congress. Learn more about the new House and Senate and Presidential Transition at the upcoming Legal Symposium. Register at www.naihc.net.

Also save the date for the **Legislative Conference** to be held February 24-26, 2009 in Washington DC.

NAHASDA SIGNED BY GEORGE W. BUSH

The President signed the NAHASDA bill on October 14, 2008 and it became Public Law 110-411! Get the bill and read the section by section and one-pager at www.naihc.net. Also learn more at the Legal Symposium at the session entitled, "What's New in the Toolbox: An Overview of the 2008 NAHASDA Amendments." Register at www.naihc.net.

HOUSING AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT OF 2008

The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) was signed by the President on July 30, 2008 and it became Public Law 110-289. HERA includes the Neighborhood Stabilization Program which is intended to assist states and local governments address foreclosure crisis in their communities. Tribes are not eligible for assistance directly from HUD but must work with their state or local government for assistance. Each state received at least \$19.6 million dollars. A Notice was issued by HUD on October 6, 2008 entitled, "Notice of Allocations, Application Procedures, Regulatory Waivers Granted to and Alternative Requirements for Emergency Assistance for Redevelopment of Abandoned and Foreclosed Homes Grantees Under the Housing and Economic Recovery Act, 2008." The Notice includes Section F - State Distribution to Entitlement Communities and Indian Tribes. View the notice [here](#).

Make sure to get your comments to your states before their deadline of December 1, 2008. Many deadlines are November 15, 2008.

Also learn more at the Legal Symposium at the session entitled, "Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008: Assistance to Tribal Communities." Register at www.naihc.net.

LEGAL SYMPOSIUM

The Legal Symposium is December 9-11, 2008 at the Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. Registration is open now. Go to www.naihc.net.