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

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### THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES KICK OFFS INDIAN HOUSING LEGISLATION

March marked the House's kickoff of the first of several important pieces of Indian housing legislation this year. New at the helm of the Financial Services Committee, but not new to low income and affordable housing issues, is Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA). The Committee has jurisdiction over Indian housing programs.

#### Native American Home Ownership Opportunity Act of 2007

The Native American Home Ownership Opportunity Act of 2007 (HR 1676 or the Boren Bill), introduced by Congressman Dan Boren (D-OK), reauthorizes the Section 184 program, the Indian Housing Loan Guarantee program for Native Americans. The full House passed the Boren Bill on April 24, 2007. The bill now heads to the Senate and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. You can find HR 1676 at [www.thomas.gov](http://www.thomas.gov) or [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net).

#### What you can do:

Thank Congressman Boren and Chairman Frank for their leadership on this legislation. Please thank Congressman Dale Kildee, Congressman Rick Renzi, Congressman Ruben Hinojosa, Congressman Gregory Meeks, Congressman Patrick Kennedy, Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth, Congressman Don Young, Congressman Joe Baca, and Congressman Raul Grijalva, all co-sponsors of the Boren Bill.

#### Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act

The Committee on Financial Services Sub-Committee on Housing and Community Opportunity is holding a hearing on NAHASDA reauthorization on May 15, 2007.

The hearing will be at 2:00 PM in the Rayburn House Office Building Room 2128. You can log into [www.financialservices.house.gov](http://www.financialservices.house.gov) and follow links to the live webcast of scheduled hearing. The final witness list will appear there as well.

#### What you can do:

1. Send your letters of support for the reauthorization of NAHASDA to:  
Committee on Financial Services  
Attn: Lois Richardson  
Committee Chief Clerk  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington DC 20515
2. Contact your Member of Congress in the House and ask them to co-sponsor this important legislation.