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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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## **A FLURRY OF ACTIVITY IN WASHINGTON DC . . . AND MUCH MORE TO COME!**

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

#### *THE PRESIDENT SIGNS INDIAN HOUSING LEGISLATION!*

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 President signed the Boren Bill on June 18, 2007. Many thanks to Members and staffers who swiftly shepherded the legislation through Congress to the President's desk. See Secretary Alphonso Jackson's announcement at <http://www.hud.gov/news/release.cfm?content=pr07-087.cfm>.

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

#### *CONGRESS IS ON THE MOVE.*

#### House of Representatives

The Committee on Financial Services Sub-Committee on Housing and Community Opportunity, chaired by Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), held a hearing on NAHASDA reauthorization on June 6, 2007. Notably, Ms. Waters expressed in her opening remarks, "Clearly, we must authorize this essential program before it expires on the last day of this fiscal year." If you missed it, the hearing's archived webcast and witness testimony can be found at:

[http://www.house.gov/apps/list/hearing/financialsvcs\\_dem/ht060607.shtml](http://www.house.gov/apps/list/hearing/financialsvcs_dem/ht060607.shtml).

The House issued Discussion Drafts of the reauthorization bill which have been very helpful to our Members in having a say in crafting this important legislation. To date, co-sponsors are Dale Kildee, Barney Frank and Maxine Waters.

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#### Senate

The Committee on Indian Affairs is slated to hold a hearing on reauthorization legislation in late June or early July.

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#### **What you can do:**

Continue to contact your Members of Congress in the House and Senate and ask them to co-sponsor this legislation and support it as it makes its way across the Hill.