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1% Across the Board Rescissions Enacted P.L. 109-359, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2006

On December 30, 2005 H.R. 2863, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2006 became [P.L. 109-359](#) and implemented an across the board rescission on all FY '06 discretionary accounts and their subsections. The affect is a reduction of Native American Housing Block Grant (NAHBG) from **\$630 million to \$623.7 million, retaining an increase of \$1.7 million above FY 2005.** The Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) has been reduced from \$60 million to \$59.4 million, an \$8.6 million decrease from FY 2005. An updated NAIHC Appropriations Table for all Indian housing related funds will be available soon.

Formula Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Final Meeting

The [Formula Negotiated Rulemaking Committee](#) will meet to review public comments and draft a preamble for the proposed final rule in Denver, Colorado on January 31 through February 1, 2006. The preamble of the proposed regulation will describe in plain language what the regulation does. It will also list all issues on which the committee could not reach consensus, providing background and an explanation to the general public for the Committee's work. The committee will take all the language on which consensus was reached and make sure it is drafted correctly to meet the Committee's intent as well as make sure it fits in with the rest of the regulation. The meeting is open to the public and will take place at the [Grand Hyatt Hotel](#), however, there is no room block at the hotel for the meeting. As a reminder, all documents pertinent to this and all previous meetings, including proposed regulatory language and a complete list of consensus items, are available on the HUD CodeTalk website at: www.codetalk.fed.us/NegReg.htm

DRAFT-Proposed Legislative Priorities for NAIHC

Below is a DRAFT of the proposed Legislative Priorities for the 109th Congress 2nd Session suggested at the Legislative Committee Meeting at the Legal Symposium. Please review the following list to ensure all issues and priorities are addressed. If you have comments or concerns please e-mail Ross B. Bell, Director of the Office of Governmental Affairs, at rbell@naihc.net by COB January 13, 2006. The proposed list will be submitted for Board consideration during the Winter Quarterly Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii January 19-20, 2006.

DRAFT-LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- *Appropriations
- *30% Rule
- *Reserve Accounts
- *Formula Issue
- *Infrastructure
- *PART-NAIHC Data Collection Source
- *NAHASDA Reauthorization
- *Methamphetamine Legislation
- *Mold
- *Federal Procurement (con't next page)

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DRAFT-LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES (con't)

*Media Strategies

*Remove Secretarial Approval for Long Term Leases

Infrastructure Task Force Meeting

The Infrastructure Task Force will convene on January 10, 2006 at 12pm EST. NAIHC will host the meeting at their office located at 50 F Street, NW Suite 3300 Washington, DC. For those who can not attend in person, please call into the meeting through the following number: (800) 416-8128 Code 898881.

SAVE THE DATE- 12th Annual Legislative Conference!!!

NAIHC's 12th Annual Legislative Conference will be February 28 – March 2, 2006, at the Crystal City Hilton in Arlington, Virginia. Online registration has been activated at www.naihc.net. **The deadline for hotel registration is January 26, 2006. Hotel reservations can be made online at www.hilton.com or by calling (703) 418-6800.** Start scheduling your Capitol Hill visits today. **Attached is at meeting request template drafted by the Office of Governmental Affairs.** Please inform the NAIHC Office of Governmental Affairs who you have scheduled a meeting with and if we can provide any assistance or background to you in advance of your meeting.