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All HCD Program and Misc.-Related Votes

- 1) **All HCD Programs (06/16/06): FY 2007 TTHUD Appropriations Act (HR 5576)**, An amendment to add \$636 million for the Public Housing Operating Fund; \$261 million for the Public Housing Capital Fund; \$144 million to restore cuts in Section 8 administrative fees; \$100 million for HOPE VI; \$65 million for Section 202; \$24 million for Section 811; and \$40 million for the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund. The additional spending would be offset by a reduction in tax cuts for individuals earning over \$1 million. *The amendment would also increase the funding for railroad passenger maintenance and repair to \$800 million, from \$500 million provided in the bill, and increase the amount available for grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation to \$500 million, from \$100 million.* To offset the added spending, the amendment would adjust the 2001 and 2003 tax cut laws to increase taxes for individuals with taxable incomes of more than \$1 million by 4.11 percent. NAHRO Position: Vote for. Defeated (25-31).
- 2) **All Housing and Community Development Programs (03/17/05): FY 2006 House Budget Resolution (H. Con. Res. 95), Roll Call 88.** Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would allow up to \$843 billion in discretionary spending for fiscal 2006, plus \$50 billion for operations in Iraq. It would call for mandatory spending cuts of \$68.6 billion over five years and tax cuts totaling \$106 billion over five years, \$45 billion of it protected by reconciliation rules. Defense spending would increase by 4 percent over fiscal 2005, to \$439 billion, and non-defense spending would be cut by 1 percent, to \$404 billion. NAHRO Position: Vote Against. Approved (218 -214).
- 3) **All Housing and Community Development Programs (3/25/04): FY 2005 House Budget Resolution, H. Con. Res. 393.** FY 2005 budget resolution would set broad spending and revenue targets over the next five years. The resolution calls for \$821.3 billion in discretionary spending for fiscal 2005, including \$152.6 billion in tax cuts over five years, and claims to reduce the budget deficit in half by fiscal 2009. The House resolution would apply "paygo" requirements only to spending but not to tax cuts. NAHRO Position: Vote Against. Approved (215-212).
- 4) **Section 811 Elderly and Disabled Program (6/13/06): FY 2007 TTUD Appropriations Act (HR 5576), House Vote 270.** An amendment that would increase by \$15 million funds for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Elderly and Disabled Program, offset by cuts to HUD's salaries and expenses and to the General Services Administration Federal Buildings Fund accounts. Adopted (335-90).
- 5) **Lead-Based Paint (6/13/06): FY 2007 TTUD Appropriations Act (HR 5576), House Vote 271.** An amendment that would increase by \$35 million funds for the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Program, offset by a cut to the General Services Administration Federal Buildings Fund. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Adopted (233-190).
- 6) **All Housing and Community Development Programs (07/20/98): Affordable Housing and Homeownership Opportunities, H. Con. Res. 208.** A motion to express the sense of Congress that the nation's priorities should include providing access to safe affordable housing and expanding home ownership activities. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Approved (390-0).

Public Housing Program – Related Votes

- 7) **Public Housing Capital and Operating Funds under Asset Management (06/06/06): FY 2007 TTHUD Appropriations Act (HR 5576).** An amendment to: 1) reaffirm existing statute with respect to fungibility of Capital and Operating Funds for the operation, capital improvement and management of public housing; 2) the Secretary shall not impose any requirement or guideline relating to asset management that restricts or limits in any way the use of capital funds for central office costs or the establishment of a management fee by a public housing agency for calendar years 2007 and 2008 which the agency determines to be reasonable; or (3) the Secretary shall not impose any requirement or guideline relating to asset management that restricts or limits in any way the use by a public housing agency of funds derived from non-federal state or local sources. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated by Voice Vote.
- 8) **Public Housing Capital Fund, HOPE VI, Section 202, etc. (03/09/05): H. Con. Res. 95, Vote 8.** An amendment to increase budget authority and outlays for function 600 (income security) by \$2 billion. The added funds would permit an expansion of child care assistance and maintain current funding levels for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, the HOPE VI program, the public housing capital fund and housing for persons with disabilities. The amendment also would strike the reconciliation instructions that would direct the Ways and Means Committee to cut mandatory programs by \$18.7 billion over five years. The cost would be paid for by ending the deferral by companies of income taxes paid on profits earned overseas. That would result in \$32.7 billion in additional revenues over five years. The amount in excess of the funds required to increase Function 600 spending and to meet the Ways and Means panel's reconciliation target would be devoted to deficit reduction. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (15-22).
- 9) **Public Housing Rents and Occupancy Standards (7/17/98): HR 4194 - FY 1999 VA, HUD and IA Appropriations.** An amendment to allow increased local control over rents and occupancy standards in public housing. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Adopted (230-181).
- 10) **Household Rents in Public Housing (5/09/96): HR 2406 - United States Housing Act of 1996.** A motion to recommit to the House Banking and Financial Services Committee the bill, with instructions to limit the monthly rent for a public housing unit to 30 percent of a family's adjusted monthly income for any family who has an annual income that is principally derived from earned income. NAHRO Position: Vote Against. Defeated (196-226).
- 11) **Household Rents in Public Housing (5/09/96): HR 2406 - United States Housing Act of 1996.** An en bloc amendment to limit minimum public housing rent contributions to \$25 per month and waive or lower contributions in cases of financial hardship. The bill establishes a minimum rent contribution of \$25, with a maximum of \$50. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (126-297).
- 12) **Safety and Security in Public Housing (7/27/01): HR 2620 - HUD FY 2002 Appropriations.** An amendment to provide \$175 million for HUD's Public Housing Drug Elimination Grant Program and reduce by the same amount the HOME Down-payment Assistance Initiative. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (197-213).
- 13) **Safety and Security in Public Housing (5/09/96): HR 2406 - United States Housing Act of 1995.** An amendment to limit to 30 percent of income the maximum rent that any elderly or disabled family could be required to pay for public housing. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Adopted by Voice Vote.
- 14) **Safety and Security in Public Housing (5/08/96): HR 2406 - United States Housing Act of 1996.** An amendment that would allow the use of local criminal trespass laws by housing authorities in order to keep evicted tenants or criminals out of public housing property. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Adopted by Voice Vote.
- 15) **Safety and Security in Public Housing (5/08/96): HR 2406 - United States Housing Act of 1996.** Amendment would give housing authorities the ability to prohibit the admission to or occupancy of any public housing dwelling unit for a period of time, of any person who after the date of enactment of the bill, has been convicted of illegal possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Adopted by Voice Vote.

- 16) **Public Housing Modernization (7/28/95): HR 2099 - FY 1996 HUD Appropriations.** An amendment to transfer \$234 million from the FEMA disaster relief account to the account for modernization of existing public housing projects. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (192-222).
- 17) **HOPE VI (6/13/06): FY 2007 TTUD Appropriations Act (HR 5576) House Vote 268.** An amendment that would increase HOPE VI housing grants by \$30 million, offset by a cut of the same amount in the General Services Administration Federal Buildings Fund. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Adopted (262-162).
- 18) **HOPE VI (06/29/05): HR 3058 - House Roll Call Vote 340.** An amendment to increase HOPE VI housing grants by \$60 million, offset by a decrease in the General Services Administration Federal Buildings Fund. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Adopted (248-173).
- 19) **HOPE VI (3/19/04): FY 2005 House Budget Resolution - H. Con. Res. 393, Vote 26.** An amendment to increase FY 2005 budget authority and outlays for the HOPE VI program to \$574 million in 2005; by an additional \$11 million in 2006; an additional \$75 million in 2007; an additional \$115 million in 2008; and an additional \$115 million in 2009. The amendment would also provide that the deficit would be reduced by an amount equal to the outlay changes in the appropriate function for the prior changes, and that the aggregate levels of revenue should be increased by amounts equal to twice the foregoing outlay changes, reflecting a reduction in the tax relief assumed in the budget resolution. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (23-17).
- 20) **HOPE VI (3/12/03): FY 2004 Budget Resolution, H. Con. Res. 95.** An amendment that would provide \$574 million in fiscal 2004 to the HOPE VI program. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (18-24).
- 21) **HOPE VI (9/8/99): HR 2684 - FY 2000 HUD Appropriations, Vote 392.** An amendment to eliminate funding for the international space station, and increase funding for the HOPE IV program by \$50 million. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (121-298).
- 22) **Public Housing Family Self Sufficiency Program (5/06/97): HR 2 - Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act of 1997.** An amendment to make self-sufficiency contracts, under which tenants must set a target date for moving out of public housing and agree to do eight hours of community service each month, optional rather than mandatory. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (168-253).
- 23) **Housing Agency Local Control (7/17/98): HR 2 – QHWRA.** An amendment to delete the “Home Rule Flexible Grant Option” – known as “Home Rule” - under which local governments, if approved by HUD, could develop and administer their own flexible low-income housing programs, and receive all the federal public housing and assisted housing (except project-based) funding that would otherwise be provided to the local housing authority. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (153-270).
- 24) **Public Housing and Section 8 HCV Programs (7/27/95): HR 2099 - FY 1996 HUD Appropriations.** An amendment to delete language directing local housing authorities to delay issuing new vouchers or certificates for section 8 incremental assistance until October 1, 1996, and to slow the rate at which public housing projects are developed during fiscal year 1996. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (185-235).

Housing, Economic and Community Development–Related Votes

- 25) **CDBG (03/29/06): H. Con. Res. 376 – House Roll Call Vote 8.** A non-binding amendment to recommend \$1.3 billion more for the community and regional development appropriations category than recommended by the president in each year from 2007 - 2011, showing support for additional CDBG funding. An amendment to protect Community Development Block Grants from service cuts and provide additional funds for food stamps, hunger programs, child care, and LIHEAP. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (18-15).
- 26) **Eminent Domain (11/03/05): HR 4128 - House Roll Call Vote 568.** Passage of the bill that would penalize state and local governments that receive federal economic development funds for using eminent domain to take land for economic development purposes, even if the project in question does not involve the use of federal funds. Any private property owner who suffers injury as a result of a state or local government would be able to bring a lawsuit against the state or local government or seek a temporary restraining order or a preliminary injunction. State or local governments that violate the restrictions in the bill could be barred from receiving federal economic development funds for the two years. NAHRO Position: Vote Against. Approved (376-38)
- 27) **CDBG, Brownfields, Rural Housing and Economic Development Program (3/19/04): FY 2005 House Budget Resolution - H. Con. Res. 393.** An amendment to increase FY 2005 budget authority and outlays by \$500 million for the Community Development Block Grant Program; to increase funding for Empowerment Zones by \$40 million; to increase funding for the Brownfield Redevelopment Program by \$40 million; to increase funding for the Rural Housing and Economic Development Program by \$40 million; and to increase funding for Rural Health Activities by \$150 million. The amendment would also provide that the deficit would be reduced by an amount equal to the outlay changes in the appropriate function for the prior changes, and that the aggregate levels of revenue should be increased by amounts equal to twice the foregoing outlay changes, reflecting a reduction in the tax relief assumed in the budget resolution. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (17-12).
- 28) **Community Development Fund (6/13/06): FY 2007 TTUD Appropriations Act (HR 5576) House Vote 266.** An amendment that would increase by \$15 million funds for the Community Development Fund, offset by a cut of the same amount for the IRS business systems modernization program. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Adopted (286-139).
- 29) **HOME (5/21/03): HR 1276 - Housing Affordability for America Act of 2002.** An amendment that would allow American Dream Downpayment Initiative funding from the bill, to be used for foreclosure prevention counseling. It also would provide emergency financial assistance to prevent default or delinquency on a home loan. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (25-35).
- 30) **HOME (7/27/01): HR 2620 - FY 2002 HUD Appropriations, Vote 286.** An amendment to strike a \$200 million earmark in the HOME program for the Downpayment Assistance Initiative but keep the funding in the program. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (163-247).
- 31) **Economic Development Assistance Programs, Brownfields, and Rural Empowerment Zones (03/09/05): H. Con. Res. 95, Vote 13.** An amendment to increase budget authority and outlays for function 450 by the following amounts to fund Economic Development Assistance programs, the Brownfields Redevelopment program, and Rural Empowerment Zones: budget authority \$523,000,000 for fiscal year 2006; outlays \$238,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, \$105,000,000 for fiscal year 2007, \$77,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, \$53,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, \$32,000,000 for fiscal year 2010. The aggregate level of revenues is adjusted by the following amounts: \$4.5 billion in fiscal year 2006; \$7.5 billion in fiscal year 2007; \$6.4 billion in fiscal year 2008; \$7.0 billion in fiscal year 2009; and \$7.3 billion in fiscal year 2010. This adjustment reflects the elimination of the deferral of taxation on profits accruing to foreign subsidiaries of U.S. corporations. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (13-22).
- 32) **EZ/EC, Brownfields (3/12/03): FY 2004 House Budget Resolution, H. Con. Res. 95.** An amendment that would express the sense of Congress that three development programs -- aimed at helping economically disadvantaged areas -- should be revived and receive increased funding. These programs include Empowerment Zones and Brownfields redevelopment. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (18-24).

- 33) **Brownfields (9/8/99): HR 2684 - FY 2000 HUD Appropriations, Vote 396.** An amendment to increase funding for HUD Brownfields revelopment activities and for housing programs by a total of \$5 million, offset by cuts in funding for NASA. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (152-269).
- 34) **Section 108 Loan Guarantee (6/13/06): FY 2007 TTUD Appropriations Act (HR 5576) House Vote 272.** An amendment that would provide \$3 million for the HUD Community Development Loan Guarantee program, offset by a cut to the HUD Management and Administration account. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Adopted (218-207).
- 35) **Rural Multifamily Rental Housing Loan Guarantee Program (4/17/97): HR 28 - Rural Multifamily Rental Housing Loan Guarantee Extension Act of 1997.** A motion to authorize permanently the Rural Multifamily Rental Housing Loan Guarantee Program, which guarantees rural rental housing loans made by private lenders to families with low and moderate incomes. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Adopted (397-14).
- 36) **HOPWA (9/8/99): HR 2684 - FY 2000 HUD Appropriations, Vote 394.** An amendment to increase funding for the Opportunities for Persons with AIDS housing program by \$10 million to \$225 million, offset by cuts in funding for the National Science Foundation. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Adopted (212-207).
- 37) **HOPWA (7/29/98): HR 4194 - FY 1999 HUD Appropriations, Vote 247.** An amendment to cut by \$21 million the bill's appropriation for the HOPWA program, and redistribute the funds for VA grants to construct state extended care facilities. NAHRO Position: Vote Against. Adopted (231-200).
- 38) **HOPWA (6/26/96): HR 3666 - FY 1997 VA, HUD and IA Appropriations.** An amendment to increase by \$15 million the \$171 million for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program. The amendment would offset this increase by reducing NASA's \$2.6 billion mission support account by an equal amount. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (177-236).
- 39) **Homeless Assistance Programs (3/03/98): HR 217 - Homeless Housing Programs Consolidation and Flexibility Act.** A motion to consolidate into a single block grant program, seven homeless housing programs authorizing \$1 billion a year through fiscal 2002. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Adopted (386-23).
- 40) **Homeless Assistance Programs (6/25/96): HR 3666 - FY 1997 HUD Appropriations.** An amendment to increase Homeless Assistance funding by \$297 million, which would restore the funding to the pre-rescission FY 1995 level, and decrease NASA Human Space Flight funding for the space station by \$297 million. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (138-277).

Section 8 Program–Related Votes

- 41) **Section 8 Tenant-Protection Vouchers (6/13/06): FY 2007 TTUD Appropriations Act (HR 5576), House Vote 282.** An amendment that would bar the use of funds in the bill to implement HUD’s regulation that would only provide tenant-protection vouchers to replace demolished public housing units only if the units were leased prior to being demolished rather than all of the demolished units from the development. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (214-214).
- 42) **Section 8 HCV Program (7/17/98): HR 4194 - FY 1999 VA, HUD and IA Appropriations.** An amendment to increase by \$97 million, the funds provided for new Section 8 housing vouchers for families making the transition from welfare to work. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (201-215).
- 43) **Section 8 HCV Program (9/8/99): HR 2684 - FY 2000 HUD Appropriations.** An amendment to increase funding for Section 8 rental housing subsidies and for management of public housing by a total of \$305 million, offset by cutting \$305 million from funding for the space station. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (154-267).
- 44) **Section 8 HCV Program (6/21/00): HR 4635 - FY 2001 HUD Appropriations.** Amendment would increase funding for Section 8 housing by \$344 million for 60,000 new Section 8 vouchers, and would transfer the same amount from the \$2.1 billion allotted for the International Space Station. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (138-286).
- 45) **Section 8 HCV Program (9/8/99): HR 3995 - Housing Affordability for America Act of 2002.** An amendment that would allow HAs to raise their payment standard up to 120 percent of the local Fair Market Rent, if it is already set at 110 percent or more for six months, the HA's voucher success rate is less than 80 percent, and has a high percentage of voucher holders living in high poverty areas. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Adopted by Voice Vote
- 46) **Section 8 HCV Program and Assisted Living Facilities (9/27/99): HR 202 - Senior Citizen Housing Program.** A motion to preserve and increase the availability of low-income housing for the elderly, including allowing the use of Section 8 rental vouchers for assisted living facilities. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Adopted (405-5).
- 47) **Section 8 HCV Program (2/25/04): HR 2179 - House FY 2005 Budget Views and Estimates Report.** The amendment would state that the proposed fiscal 2005 budget request could result in the elimination of funding for up to 250,000 vouchers. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Approved (34-26).
- 48) **Section 8 HCV Program (2/25/04): House Financial Services amendment to FY 2005 Views and Estimates to the Budget Committee - Vote FC-16.** Views and Estimates of the House Financial Services Committee on all matters within its jurisdiction or functions to be set forth in the FY 2005 budget resolution. An amendment to replace the document's original Section 8 passage, with one noting that the proposed \$1.6 billion cut could result in a loss of services to 250,000 families from the program. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Approved (36-28).
- 49) **Section 8 HCV Program Renewal Formula (7/22/04): HR 5041- FY 2005 VA, HUD and IA Appropriations.** The bill instructs HUD to continue the policy of funding vouchers on a budget-based renewal formula similar to PIH Notice 2004-7 rather than based on an actual cost basis, and leaves the exact funding formula to HUD's discretion. Apart from the voice vote approving the bill, no majority or minority views were issued with regard to the budget-based renewal formula or instructions to HUD to devise a renewal formula at its discretion. The bill would also provide \$128 billion in total funding in fiscal 2005 for the departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and a number of independent agencies, including NASA, EPA, and the National Science Foundation. NAHRO Position: Vote Against or Issue Opposing Views. Adopted by Voice Vote.
- 50) **Section 8 HCV Administrative Fees (5/09/96): HR 2406 - United States Housing Act of 1996.** An amendment to increase the level of administrative fees provided to housing authorities administering the Section 8 rental assistance program; and establishes a two-tiered payment schedule that gives agencies 7.65 percent of the base grant amount for the first 600 units and 7.0 percent for all units in excess of 600 units. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Adopted by Voice Vote.