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SENATE PASSES HUD APPROPRIATIONS. On September 12 the Senate passed its version of HUD's FY 2008 spending bill. Details will be posted at <http://www.ruralhome.org> as they become known. A House-Senate conference committee will resolve differences with the bill passed by the House on July 24. (See *HAC News*, 7/18/07 for dollar levels). Both bills are now numbered H.R.

3074. The House version is, and the Senate version will be, at <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/approp/app08.html>.

HOUSE APPROVES NAHASDA REAUTHORIZATION. H.R. 2786, which would reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act through fiscal year 2012, includes changes and would create a demonstration program for guaranteed loans to finance tribal community and economic development activities. The bill, which now goes to the Senate, is available at <http://thomas.loc.gov>.

FUNDING OFFERED TO CDFIS. The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund will make financial assistance awards to CDFIs and technical assistance grants to CDFIs and potential CDFIs. Deadline is Oct. 31. Apply for CDFI certification by Oct. 5. A webcast for applicants is at <http://www.cdfifund.gov> and workshops are scheduled in several places during September. See *Federal Register*, 8/31/07, pp. 50446-57 or <http://www.cdfifund.gov>. Contact CDFI Fund staff, cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov, or 202-622-6355.

HUD PROPOSES UPDATED ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS. Revisions are intended to implement statutory changes and make compliance easier. Comments are due November 13. See *Federal Register*, 9/12/07, pp. 52263-75 or <http://www.regulations.gov>. Contact Richard H. Broun, HUD, 202-708-2894 ext. 4439, Richard.Broun@hud.gov.

CENSUS EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE POLICY COMMENTS. Comments are now due October 27 on principles for interactions with tribal governments (see *HAC News*, 5/23/07). See *Federal Register*, 9/11/07, p. 51780. Contact Dee Alexander, Census, 301-763-9335, dee.a.alexander@census.gov.

FEMA SEEKS INPUT ON REVISED RESPONSE PLAN. Comments are due October 11 on a draft National Response Framework intended to incorporate lessons learned from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and to articulate the roles of states, tribes, and local jurisdictions and the private sector (including community organizations) for short-term disaster response. It does not cover long-term recovery and restoration. See *Federal Register*, 9/11/07, p. 51833 or <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nrf>. Contact Andrew Slaten, FEMA, 202-646-8152.

SURVEY PROVIDES CANDIDATES' POSITIONS ON HOUSING. The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law surveyed all declared presidential candidates on several poverty-related issues. Their responses are posted at <http://www.povertylaw.org>.

IMPACT OF POSSIBLE FHA MANUFACTURED HOME CHANGES UNCLEAR, SAYS GAO. The Government Accountability Office reviewed S. 1741 and H.R. 2139 (see *HAC News*, 7/3/07) but FHA has not made decisions that will determine their effects. *Federal Housing Administration: Agency Should Assess the Effects of Proposed Changes to the Manufactured Home Loan Program* (GAO-07-879) is free at <http://www.gao.gov> or from GAO, 202-512-6000.

MORE WORKING FAMILY RENTERS FACE SERIOUS AFFORDABILITY PROBLEMS. The number of low- to moderate-income working family renters paying more than half their income for housing doubled from 1997 to 2005, according to the National Housing Conference's Center for Housing Policy. *The Housing Landscape for America's Working Families 2007* also includes findings for 31 metro areas and is free at <http://www.nhc.org/housing/landscape2007> or from NHC, 202-466-2121.

STATES RATED ON ASSET-BUILDING SUPPORT. CFED's new Assets and Opportunity Scorecard grades each state in several categories including homeownership and allows users to check 98 specific factors or customize a grade based on selected factors. Visit <http://www.cfed.org>.

MAXWELL AWARDS TO FOCUS ON HOMELESSNESS. The Fannie Mae Foundation and the Partnership to End Long Term Homelessness will make \$75,000 grants recognizing nonprofit or nonprofit/for-profit collaborations that developed supportive and affordable housing for homeless individuals and families. To apply, visit http://www.endlongtermhomelessness.org/knowledge_center/funding_opportunities/2007_maxwell_awards.aspx or email 2007maxwellawards@tpi.org.

HAC REPORTS ON IMMIGRATION AND RURAL HOUSING. A new report uses data analysis and case studies to examine housing impacts for foreign-born rural residents and their communities. *Immigration and Housing in Rural America* and is free at <http://www.ruralhome.org/manager/uploads/Immigration2007.pdf> or \$5.00 from Luz Rosas, HAC, 202-842-8600 ext. 137, luz@ruralhome.org.