



**RURAL RENTAL HOUSING PRESERVATION BILL INTRODUCED.** H.R. 4002, introduced in the House of Representatives on October 30 by Reps. Lincoln Davis (D-Tennessee) and Geoff Davis (R-Kentucky), would authorize activities to preserve and revitalize Section 515 properties and would provide vouchers for tenants in Section 515 properties that are preserved, prepaid, or foreclosed. Unlike last year's H.R. 5039, it would not remove prepayment restrictions. No action is expected on the bill until 2008. A summary and the bill itself are available on HAC's website at <http://www.ruralhome.org>. Contact Leslie Strauss, HAC, 202-842-8600, [leslie@ruralhome.org](mailto:leslie@ruralhome.org).

**HOUSE COMMITTEE APPROVES SECTION 515 TRANSFER BILL AND MARK-TO-MARKET EXTENSION.** On October 31 the House Financial Services Committee passed H.R. 3873, which would expedite processing of sales that will preserve Section 515 rental units as affordable housing (see *HAC News*, 10/10/07). For details, visit <http://www.ruralhome.org>. Contact Leslie Strauss, HAC, 202-842-8600, [leslie@ruralhome.org](mailto:leslie@ruralhome.org). ♦ H.R. 3965, to extend HUD's mark-to-market preservation program through FY 2012 and address late Section 8 housing assistance payments, was adopted with changes and is available at <http://thomas.loc.gov>.

**RENTER PROTECTIONS INCLUDED IN FORECLOSURE BILL.** To protect renters of single-family homes from sudden eviction when a lender forecloses, the Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act of 2007 would require lenders or other new owners to honor existing leases, or to give tenants without leases at least 90 days notice to vacate. H.R. 3915, approved by the House Financial Services Committee on November 6, also covers loan originations, mortgage standards, and consumer protections. A summary is at <http://financialservices.house.gov>, the bill text is at <http://thomas.loc.gov>, and testimony about tenant displacement is at [http://www.house.gov/apps/list/hearing/financialsvcs\\_dem/testimony\\_-\\_liben\\_1.pdf](http://www.house.gov/apps/list/hearing/financialsvcs_dem/testimony_-_liben_1.pdf).

**HUD APPROPRIATIONS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED.** House members and Senators are scheduled to meet on November 8 to begin reconciling differences between their HUD appropriations bills. The possibility of a presidential veto remains. A second continuing resolution is likely to carry the government beyond November 16. Watch HAC's site, <http://www.ruralhome.org>, for more details as they become available.

**FUNDS OFFERED FOR NATIVE AMERICAN CDFIS.** Community Development Financial Institutions serving Native American, Alaska Native, and/or Native Hawaiian communities are eligible for financial assistance and technical assistance grants. Deadline is December 19. See *Federal Register*, 11/1/07, pp. 61948-58 or <http://www.cdfifund.gov>. Contact CDFI Fund staff, [cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov](mailto:cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov), 202-622-6355.

**HUD PUBLISHES 2008 OPERATING COST ADJUSTMENT FACTORS FOR SECTION 8 RENTS.** See *Federal Register*, 10/25/07, pp. 60688-90 or <http://www.hudclips.org>. Contact Judith May, HUD, 202-402-3239.

**MANUFACTURED HOME INSTALLATION STANDARDS CORRECTED.** (See *HAC News*, 10/24/07.) See *Federal Register*, 11/2/07, p. 62308 or <http://www.hudclips.org>. Contact William W. Matchneer III, HUD, 202-708-6401.

**FEMA OFFERS RELOCATION REIMBURSEMENTS.** Hurricane Katrina and Rita survivors may be eligible for reimbursement of up to \$4,000 in relocation costs incurred by February 29, 2008 if they are already registered for FEMA aid, have not yet received the \$26,200 maximum FEMA assistance, and have not received other relocation help. Visit <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=41323> or contact FEMA, 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

**HUD ANNOUNCES FEWER CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS LIVING ON STREETS.** At a November 7 press conference, officials reported that more than 20,000 people moved from the streets into transitional and permanent supportive housing between 2005 and 2006. HUD's press release is online at <http://www.hud.gov/news/release.cfm?content=pr07-167.cfm>.

**ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR NAMED FOR RD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAMS.** Peter D. Morgan has served as Chief of Staff for RD housing Administrator Russell Davis since February 2006. RD's press release is available at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/newsroom/2007/petermorgan.html>.

**HAC PUBLISHES DATA ON FY 2007 RD OBLIGATIONS.** Year-end reports are available for each RD housing program and each state, along with maps, at <http://www.ruralhome.org/infoObligations.php>. To subscribe to email notices of future obligation reports, contact Janice Clark, [janice@ruralhome.org](mailto:janice@ruralhome.org), 202-842-8600.

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