

May 15, 2003

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity

SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

On Wednesday, May 7, 2003, the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity met in open session and considered the following measures:

H.R. 23, TORNADO SHELTERS ACT, was approved for full Committee consideration with an amendment by a voice vote.

The following amendments were considered:

An amendment in the nature of a substitute by Mr. Ney, no. 1, requiring shelters be located in predominantly low and moderate income neighborhoods, that eligible neighborhoods contain at least 20 manufactured housing units, that a tornado siren is located nearby, and authorizing \$5 million to be appropriated to fund construction shelters, was AGREED TO by a voice vote.

H.R. 1276, THE AMERICAN DREAM DOWNPAYMENT ACT, was approved for full Committee consideration with an amendment by a voice vote.

The following amendments were considered:

An amendment by Ms. Harris, no. 1, clarifying prior commitment, was AGREED TO by a voice vote.

An amendment by Ms. Waters, no. 2, targeting the program outreach to public housing residents and mobile home communities, was AGREED TO by a voice vote.

An amendment by Ms. Lee, no. 3, providing foreclosure prevention assistance, was WITHDRAWN.

An amendment by Ms. Velazquez, no. 4, requiring pre-purchase counseling, was WITHDRAWN.

H.R. 1614, THE HOPE VI PROGRAM REAUTHORIZING AND SMALL COMMUNITY MAINSTREET REJUVENATION AND HOUSING ACT OF 2003, was approved for full Committee consideration with an amendment by a voice vote.

The following amendments were considered:

An amendment by Mr. Ney, no. 1, making a technical change, was AGREED TO by a voice vote.

An amendment by Ms. Waters, no. 2, expanding the definition of severely distressed public housing to include those buildings or developments that include very low-income elderly or non-elderly disabled persons was AGREED TO by a voice vote.

An amendment by Ms. Waters, no. 3, requiring the Hope VI applicant involve the affected public housing residents at the beginning and during the revitalization program prior to submission of an application, was AGREED TO by a voice vote.

The Subcommittee adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.