

a multifamily property owned or held by the Secretary is not feasible for continued rental assistance payments under such section 8 or other programs, based on consideration of (1) the costs of rehabilitating and operating the property and all available Federal, State, and local resources, including rent adjustments under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (“MAHRAA”) and (2) environmental conditions that cannot be remedied in a cost-effective fashion, the Secretary may, in consultation with the tenants of that property, contract for project-based rental assistance payments with an owner or owners of other existing housing properties, or provide other rental assistance. The Secretary shall also take appropriate steps to ensure that project-based contracts remain in effect prior to foreclosure, subject to the exercise of contractual abatement remedies to assist relocation of tenants for imminent major threats to health and safety. After disposition of any multifamily property described under this section, the contract and allowable rent levels on such properties shall be subject to the requirements under section 524 of MAHRAA.

**SA 2804.** Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3074, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 147, after line 11, insert the following:

**TITLE V—PUBLIC HOUSING EQUAL TREATMENT ACT**

**SEC. 501. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the “Public Housing Equal Treatment Act of 2007”.

**SEC. 502. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN PREVIOUSLY ASSISTED PUBLIC HOUSING.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(o) ENSURING CORRECT ASSISTANCE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in determining the allocations for each public housing agency from the Operating and Capital Funds pursuant to this section, the Secretary shall include as dwelling units eligible for such assistance all public housing dwelling units that—

“(1) are owned by the public housing agency at the time of such determination; and

“(2) before the date of the enactment of the Public Housing Equal Treatment Act of 2007 have received development, operating, capital, or modernization assistance pursuant to the terms of any agreement with Department of Housing and Urban Development authorizing the agency to expend such funds on behalf of such units.”

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to assistance under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 for fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter.

**SA 2805.** Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3074, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 76, line 23, after “receivership” insert “, including public housing agencies that are under a Memorandum of Agreement, Corrective Action Plan, or other arrangement with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to facilitate improvement of their voucher program and that are not in default of such an agreement, plan, or arrangement.”

**SA 2806.** Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3074, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_ (a) Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall submit a report to Congress that describes the average marginal production cost of making any new passenger automobile with a gross vehicle weight under 10,000 pounds sold in the United States capable of using a flexible fuel mixture.

(b) In this section, the term “flexible fuel mixture” means—

(1) any mixture of gasoline and ethanol that is up to 85 percent ethanol;

(2) any mixture of gasoline and methanol that is up to 85 percent methanol; or

(3) any mixture of diesel and biodiesel that is 85 percent biodiesel, as measured by volume.

**SA 2807.** Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3074, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the sections under the heading “GENERAL PROVISIONS” at the end of title I, add the following:

SEC. 1 \_\_\_\_ (a) Notwithstanding sections 109, 111, 131, and 402 of title 23, United States Code (including regulations promulgated to carry out those sections), none of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Secretary of Transportation to withhold funds provided by this Act from any State for the implementation of any program under which a State, or any of the agents, designees, or lessees of the State, acknowledges roadside maintenance by a non-State entity through living plant materials that are arranged to identify the name or logo of the non-State entity providing the maintenance.

(b) Any funds paid to a State under a program described in subsection (a) shall be—

(1) considered to be State funds (as defined in section 101(a) of title 23, United States Code); and

(2) made available for expenditure under the direct control of the applicable State transportation department (as defined in section 101(a) of title 23, United States Code).

**NOTICES OF HEARINGS**

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the infor-

mation of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on hard-rock mining on Federal lands.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to gina\_weinstock@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Patty Beneke at 202-224-5451 or Gina Weinstock at (202) 224-5684.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the Nomination of Robert C. Tapella of Virginia, to be Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

For further information regarding this hearing, please contact Howard Gantman at the Rules and Administration Committee, 224-6352.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Monday, September 10, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled “Confronting the Terrorist Threat to the Homeland: Six Years After 9/11.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR**

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Jacqueline Beatty-Smith, Smith a fellow in Senator REID’s office, be accorded the privileges of the floor during consideration of H.R. 3074, the Transportation appropriations bill and any votes therein.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we haven’t made as much progress on the Transportation bill as I had wished, but we