

Congress to Vote Today - Wednesday, October 26, 2005!
Call NOW to Save the Affordable Housing Fund and
Stop Anti-Democratic Restrictions on Voter Registration

Call Your Congressperson NOW! 866-864-NHTF (Toll-Free)

CALLS MUST BE MADE THE MORNING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2005

HR 1461, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2005, including the new Affordable Housing Fund, is expected to come to the full U.S. House of Representatives THIS MORNING, Wednesday, October 26. Unfortunately, we have learned that when it comes to the floor, the bill WILL include provisions that disqualify any not-for-profit organization that has engaged in voter registration and other non-partisan voting activities from applying for grants from the Affordable Housing Fund, or from being affiliated with any organization that engages in these activities. Moreover, the House Rules Committee on Tuesday refused to allow an amendment to strike these provisions to be considered when the bill comes to the floor on Wednesday.

However, thanks to the incredible efforts of advocates who have raised the offending provision in the media and with moderates in Congress over the past few days, we do still have an opportunity to get members to repair the bill.

First, members should VOTE AGAINST the Manager's Amendment to the bill. The Manager's Amendment is actually a new version of the bill, one that includes the offending language. The original version of the bill as approved by committee does not include the anti-voting provision, because the provision was added after the bill was approved. If members vote to reject the new compromised version of the bill, they will be rejecting the anti-voting provision.

Second, members should VOTE FOR a "motion to recommit with instructions" if needed. If the manager's amendment is accepted, a motion to recommit with instructions will allow the objectionable language to be removed on the spot and, then, a better bill voted on immediately. Under a "motion to recommit with instructions" the bill does not have to return to committee for revision but can be revised immediately on the House floor. The "with instructions" part of the request allows for specific language in the manager's amendment to be targeted for removal and is a critical piece of the request.

Call 1-866-864-NHTF (1-866-864-6483) THE MORNING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, and Tell Your Congressperson:

1. I support the establishment of the Affordable Housing Fund in HR 1461, but I understand that language that will restrict an organization's right to engage in non-partisan democratic activities has been added to the bill.
2. I oppose any language that restricts voter registration and freedom of affiliation by non-profit organizations when using their own funds.

3. I urge Representative _____ to VOTE AGAINST the Manager's Amendment and VOTE FOR a motion to recommit with instructions.

For background and other information, please visit the [Action Center](#).