

Legislative Update

for State Historic Preservation Officers



PRESERVATION LEGISLATION

H.R. 1043/S.584

Community Restoration and Revitalization Act

For a list of co-sponsors, go to:

www.preservationaction.org/07lobbying/tax.htm

HPF APPROPRIATIONS

Continuing Resolution in effect until November 16.

To access legislative information including bill text, summary, and status, go to THOMAS at: <http://thomas.loc.gov>

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CAUCUS

For a list of members, go to: www.preservationaction.org/caucus/caucus07.htm

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ADVOCACY DAY IN A NUTSHELL

Preservation's big day on the Hill (March 4) is only one month away, and we're still looking for coordinators. The following states still need volunteers to set up Hill meetings and coordinate other attendees in their state's delegations:

Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Virginia

If you are already coordinating or plan to coordinate for the state please contact Preservation Action to let them know: amcdonald@preservationaction.org or call 202-637-7873

ADVOCACY DAY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2008

FUNDING

Requests:

State Historic Preservation Offices: \$50,000,000

Tribal Historic Preservation Offices: \$20,000,000

Save America's Treasures: \$30,000,000

Preserve America: \$10,000,000 or what is in the President's budget to be released next week

Survey*: \$5,000,000

Targeted Committees:

House, Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, Appropriations Committee <http://www.preservationaction.org/appropsinhouse.htm>.

Senate, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, Appropriations Committee <http://www.preservationaction.org/appropsintsenate.htm>.

By Advocacy Day, "Dear Colleague letters" <http://www.preservationaction.org/dearcolleague.htm> supporting our requests will be circulated by preservation advocates in both chambers. This will make our work a lot easier – stay tuned for more information about these. Dear Colleague Letters are good opportunities for those not on the appropriations committees to support our funding requests among their colleagues who control the nation's purse strings.

Right now, before the President's budget drops, we're hearing that we won't see a cut -- but we have to wait until February 5 until we know what we're working with. Regardless, we have a chance to build on last year's increases – let's not miss this opportunity!

*Last year, preservationists requested funding for grants to states to conduct inventories. We will be asking for this additional funding again this year.

To see who signed onto the appropriations "Dear Colleague" last year, visit our Congressional Report Card:

[http://www.preservationaction.org/states/2.1.2008report card.htm](http://www.preservationaction.org/states/2.1.2008report%20card.htm) [http://www.preservationaction.org/states/2.1.2008report card.htm](http://www.preservationaction.org/states/2.1.2008report%20card.htm)

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FEDERAL REHABILITATION TAX LAW

Request: Cosponsor the Community Restoration and Revitalization Act (H.R.1043 and S. 584).

Targeted Committees:

House: Ways and Means <http://www.preservationaction.org/waysandmeansmem.htm>

Senate: Finance <http://www.preservationaction.org/financemem.htm>

Background:

<http://www.preservationaction.org/07lobbying/taxexplained.htm> <http://www.preservationaction.org/07lobbying/taxexplained.htm>

<http://www.preservationaction.org/08lobbying/tax2008.htm> <http://www.preservationaction.org/08lobbying/tax2008.htm>

Update:

In the House the bill currently has 87 cosponsors. Representative Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-IL) joined just this week thanks to Preservation Action Board Member Lisa DiChiera (Landmarks Illinois) and Illinois advocates! On the Senate side, sponsorship remains steady at 8. Boosting Senate sponsorship will be an Advocacy Day priority!

The House has circulated a "Dear Colleague Letter" supporting H.R.1043.

We are hoping to secure 100 cosponsors in the House. For those who have already signed onto the bill, we will be thanking them for their support and in some cases, will ask stronger leaders to encourage other members of their state's delegation who have not yet signed to bill to do so.

To see who from your state has already signed onto H.R.1043 and S.584, refer to the Congressional Report Card:

[http://www.preservationaction.org/states/2.1.2008report card.htm](http://www.preservationaction.org/states/2.1.2008report%20card.htm) <http://www.preservationaction.org/states/2.1.2008report%20card.htm>

. BUILDING THE CONGRESSIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION CAUCUS

As of now, the caucus includes 114 members of Congress. This year we'll continue our effort to grow the caucus. Here's the latest list of those on the caucus:

<http://www.preservationaction.org/caucus/caucus08.htm>

The Congressional Historic Preservation Caucus provides an excellent opportunity for legislators to share ideas about historic preservation and for our supporters to operate in a coordinated way to support key legislation. The caucus co-chairs Representatives Brad Miller (D-NC) and Michael Turner (R-OH) have supported all of the aforementioned pieces of legislation. For funding, they crafted the "Dear Colleague Letter" last year -- and are working on a letter for this year. The caucus has been a vehicle for increasing sponsorship of H.R.1043. And the caucus co-chairs are the originating House sponsors of the Preserve America and Save America's Treasures authorizing legislation (H.R.3981 and S.2262).

To compare who has joined the caucus with their record of support for Advocacy Day issues, refer to the Congressional Report Card. Sponsorship of bills also suggests potential caucus members:

<http://www.preservationaction.org/states/2.1.2008report> card.htm <http://www.preservationaction.org/states/2.1.2008report%20card.htm>

4. PRESERVE AMERICA AND SAVE AMERICA'S TREASURES AUTHORIZATION

Request: Provide information on legislation authorizing Preserve America and Save America's Treasures, (H.R.3981 and S. 2262).

Targeted Subcommittees:

House: National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Subcommittee, Committee on Natural Resources http://resourcescommittee.house.gov/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=58

Senate: Subcommittee on National Parks, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources http://energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=About.Subcommittee&Subcommittee_ID=9

Update:

Bills authorizing primary preservation programs have been introduced in both the House and the Senate (H.R.3981 and S. 2262). The House bill has 37 co-sponsors:

Representatives Brad Miller (D-NC), Michael Turner (R-OH), Tom Cole (R-OK), Nancy Boyda (D-KS), James Langevin (D-RI), Henry Brown (R-SC), Jim Moran (D-VA), Louise McIntosh Slaughter (D-NY), Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Brian Higgins (D-NY), Betty McCollum (D-MN), Ben Chandler (D-KY) Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), Harry Mitchell (D-AZ), Neil Abercrombie (D-HI), Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D-SD), Alan Mollohan (D-WV), David Price (D-NC), Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU), Randy Forbes (R-VA), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), Janice Schakowsky (D-IL), Silvestre Reyes (D-TX), Sam Farr (D-CA), Deborah Pryce (R-OH), Thomas Reynolds (R-NY), Mike McIntyre (D-NC), Peter Welch (D-VT), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Patrick Kennedy (D-RI), Jose Serrano (D-NY), Donna Christensen (D-VI), Sander Levin (D-MI), Danny Davis (D-IL), Lincoln Davis (D-TN), Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Steve Cohen (D-TN)

Senators co-sponsoring S. 2262: Pete Domenici (R-NM), Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY), Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Richard Burr (R-NC)

IMPORTANT DATES:

Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, March 1-5, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting, Wisconsin, July 2008

General Membership Meeting at NTHP Conference, Tulsa, October 2008

Board of Directors Meeting, Arkansas, November 2008

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