

## **Subcommittee Mark Up Takes a Toll on SAT Funding**

May 5, 2006 - The Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held its markup of the FY'07 Interior spending bill on May 4th and dealt a setback for historic preservation funding. Reflecting the very tight budget constraints that the subcommittee is operating under, subcommittee chairman Charles Taylor (R-NC) and the Interior panel agreed to provide level funding under the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) for the States (\$35.7 million) and Tribes (\$3.94 million), but provided only \$15 million for Save America's Treasures (SAT) grants as earmarks. The SAT funding did not include competitive grants as administered by the National Trust in past years. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) received \$1 million while Preserve America was funded at \$3 million – although the Administration had requested \$10 million for the program.

The National Trust went into the mark up advocating for \$50 million for the State Historic Preservation Offices, \$12 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, and \$30 million for the Save America's Treasures (SAT) program with a \$5 million set-aside for Preserve America grants in fiscal year 2007.