

SECTION 106 REVIEW CHANGES INCLUDED IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION AUTHORIZATION

Wednesday, July 26, 2006 - Today the House Resources Committee marked up and approved a bill (H.R. 5861) that would reauthorize the Historic Preservation Fund and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and codify regulatory changes to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The Trust and the preservation community worked together with Congress for many months to reach consensus on a measure that would codify existing Section 106 regulations and not weaken critical elements of the nation's historic preservation program. We will send you an outline of provisions contained in H.R. 5861 shortly. The National Trust appreciates the leadership of Subcommittee on National Parks chairman Steve Pearce (R-NM) in protecting the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) while seeking to define the Section 106 regulations in law and define due process further. We are also grateful to Historic Preservation Caucus Chair Mike Turner (R-OH) for continually stressing the importance of Section 106 to his colleagues in the effort to seek accommodation without Compromising the NHPA.

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