

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1728, AS REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. Bachus

At the end of title II, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 221. WARNINGS TO HOMEOWNERS OF FORECLOSURE
2 RESCUE SCAMS.

3 (a) ASSISTANCE TO NRC.—Notwithstanding any
4 other provision of this title or any other law, of any
5 amounts made available pursuant to section 216(f) of this
6 Act, 10 percent shall be used only for assistance to the
7 Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation for activities, in
8 connection with servicers of residential mortgage loans, to
9 provide notice to borrowers under such loans who are de-
10 linquent with respect to payments due under such loans
11 to notify such borrowers of the dangers of fraudulent ac-
12 tivities associated with foreclosure.

13 (b) NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.—Any such notice pro-
14 vided pursuant to activities carried out using amounts pro-
15 vided pursuant to subsection (a) shall—

- 16 (1) be in writing;
- 17 (2) be included with a mailing of information
- 18 for the account for the residential mortgage loan;
- 19 (3) be sufficient to inform the borrower—

1 (A) that the foreclosure process is complex
2 and can be confusing;

3 (B) that the borrower may be approached
4 during the foreclosure process by persons re-
5 garding saving their home and they should use
6 caution in any such dealings;

7 (C) that there are Federal Government
8 and nonprofit agencies that may provide infor-
9 mation about the foreclosure process, including
10 the Department of Housing and Urban Devel-
11 opment; and

12 (D) that they should contact their lender
13 immediately, contact the Department of Hous-
14 ing and Urban Development to find a housing
15 counseling agency certified by the Department
16 to assist in avoiding foreclosure, or visit the De-
17 partment's website regarding tips for avoiding
18 foreclosure; and

19 (4) shall include the telephone number of the
20 loan servicer or successor, the telephone number of
21 the Department of Housing and Urban Development
22 housing counseling line, and the Uniform Resource
23 Locators (URLs) for the Department of Housing

- 1 and Urban Development websites for housing coun-
- 2 seling and for tips for avoiding foreclosure.

