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H.R. 3521—Amendments to the Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act

H.R. 3521, the Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act (sponsored by Rep. Albio Sires, D-NJ), is scheduled to be considered on the House floor on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, subject to a structured rule ([H.Res. 974](#)), making in order the following two amendments, each debatable for 10 minutes.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill, except those regarding PAYGO and earmarks, waives all points of order against the bill itself—except the PAYGO rule—and allows the Chair to postpone consideration of the legislation at any time during its consideration. The rule allows one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule would also lay on the table (i.e. prevent further legislative action on) [H.Res. 955](#), which was an unused rule for the same-day consideration of a rule for an economic stimulus bill on February 7, 2008.

Note: The summaries below are based on RSC staff review of *actual amendment text* and thus differ from what's on the Rules Committee website. For a summary of the underlying bill, see a separate RSC document released today.

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AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

1. Frank (D-MA)/ Sires (D-NJ). The amendment would provide that HUD could not deem a Public Housing Authority (PHA) as non-compliant with asset management rules as a result of the PHA determining its fees in accordance with the underlying bill. Additionally, the amendment would restate current law that “immigrants who are not lawfully present in the United States shall be ineligible for financial assistance” under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 1436a).

2. Meek (D-FL). The amendment would prohibit HUD (or any receiver) from abrogating, waiving, repealing, or modifying any agreement between the PHA and the resident or tenant association entered into before the commencement of receivership. HUD would be responsible, in the case of receivership, for performing the same federally-set responsibilities that PHAs have

regarding consultation with resident or tenant associations before building public housing. A receiver is a person or entity appointed to hold in trust and administer property under litigation or during reorganization.

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