

HOUSE COMMITTEE APPROVES H.E.L.P.S.  
RETIREES ACT AS PART OF PENSION BILL

On Wednesday, November 9, the House Ways and Means Committee approved the HELPS Retirees Act of 2005, H.R. 2177, as part of an overall pension reform bill, H.R. 2830. The health care bill was incorporated into Chairman Thomas' bill, the Pension Protection Act of 2005, as Title X, Sec. 1003. The committee voted 23-17 to send the bill to the House floor for consideration.

NAPO has been a supporter of this important legislation since the beginning and included information about H.R. 2177 in our Legal Rights and Legislative Seminar 2005 booklet.

NAPO will continue to work hard for the passage of this legislation as part of the Pension Protection Act of 2005, and we ask you to urge your Congressional representatives to do the same. Thank you for all of your help!

For more information on H.R. 2177 please see the attached Q&A from Representatives Chris Chocola (R-IN) and Richard E. Neal (D-MA).