

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 384
OFFERED BY MR. CARDOZA OF CALIFORNIA

Strike line 24 on page 70 and all that follows
through page 71, line 3, and insert the following:

- 1 (e) TARGETING FOR HOUSING DISASTER AREAS.—
- 2 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the program
- 3 under this section, the Secretary shall take into con-
- 4 sideration impact of activities under the program on
- 5 housing disaster areas.
- 6 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 45 days after the
- 7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
- 8 shall—
- 9 (A) evaluate the impact of such activities
- 10 on housing disaster areas;
- 11 (B) make a determination of whether the
- 12 foreclosure rates and anticipated default rates
- 13 in such areas have been adequately reduced;
- 14 and
- 15 (C) submit a report to the Congress that
- 16 describes the impact of such activities and the
- 17 determination of the Secretary under subpara-
- 18 graph (B).

1 (3) ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS.— If the Sec-
2 retary determines that the foreclosure rates and an-
3 ticipated default rates in housing disaster areas have
4 not been adequately reduced, the Secretary shall—

5 (A) consider carrying out alternative pro-
6 posals, including a proposal under which the
7 Federal Government makes available affordable
8 mortgages through subsidized financing or
9 mortgage purchases; and

10 (B) establish and carry out alternative pro-
11 grams as the Secretary considers necessary to
12 ensure that foreclosure prevention efforts are
13 most effective in the areas of greatest need, in-
14 cluding housing disaster areas.

15 (4) HOUSING DISASTER AREAS.—For purposes
16 of this section, the term “housing disaster
17 area” means a geographic area having both—

18 (A) a high foreclosure rate during the 12
19 months preceding the date of the enactment of
20 this Act, as measured by percentages of homes
21 in or having gone through foreclosure during
22 such period and compared to other areas; and

23 (B) a substantial decline in home prices
24 during the 12 months preceding the date of the
25 enactment of this Act, as measured by the Of-

1 fice of Federal Housing Enterprise and Over-
2 sight and compared to other areas.

