

Resolution No. 5

Date: September 28, 1985
City: Los Angeles, CA

NAHB Resolution

Title: Elimination of Permanent Chassis for Manufactured Homes
Original Sponsor: Special Committee on Construction and Codes

WHEREAS, the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 ("Act") was enacted to regulate mobile homes not sited on a permanent foundation, leaving to state and local governments the regulation of housing sited on permanent foundations; and

WHEREAS, the Act makes clear this division by requiring mobile homes covered by the Act to be built on permanent chassis; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has allowed, on a selected basis, builders of manufactured homes to design and construct homes with removable chassis; and

WHEREAS, HUD's General Counsel has determined that manufactured homes constructed with removable chassis are not permitted under Section 603 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been proposed that would modify Section 603 of the Act by amending the words "and which is built on a permanent chassis" to read "and which is built on a permanent or removable chassis"; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change would extend the reach of the HUD program to many homes built on a permanent foundation and, as a consequence, distorts the original intent of the Act; and

WHEREAS, this change would cause further significant confusion in the marketplace by blurring the distinctions between mobile homes and homes built to state and local codes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders oppose the elimination of the permanent chassis as a requirement for homes built under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act.

Board of Directors Action:

Joint Executive/Resolutions Committee Action:

Resolutions Committee Action:

Special Committee on Construction and Codes Action:

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