

Resolution No. 7

Date: January 12, 2005

City: Orlando, FL

NAHB Resolution

Title: Making Eco-Terrorism a Crime  
Original Sponsor: National Vice Presidents

WHEREAS, eco-terrorist groups (environmental terrorists) are claiming responsibility for acts of arson, sabotage and vandalism directed against home builders and home building sites around the country in an effort to attract attention to their anti-growth political agenda;

WHEREAS, eco-terrorist groups have been linked to more than 34 arson and sabotage incidents in 15 states, including recent fires at three residential construction sites in Snohomish County, Wash., and a \$50 million fire in 2003 that destroyed a five-story apartment complex under construction in San Diego;

WHEREAS, eco-terrorist incidents appear to be increasing and the FBI estimates that one eco-terrorist organization is responsible for more than \$100 million in damages since 1996;

WHEREAS, under current criminal statutes, federal and state authorities have very limited jurisdiction in prosecuting these acts of eco-terrorism and violence directed against home builders and the home building industry; and

WHEREAS, current federal law requires insurers to offer coverage against acts of international terrorism while providing for the federal government to pay 90 percent of catastrophic losses that exceed specified amounts, but does not provide a similar federal backstop for acts of domestic terrorism;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) support legislative efforts by Congress and the individual states that would give federal and state authorities the necessary tools to investigate and prosecute acts of eco-terrorism (environmental terrorism) directed against home builders and the home building industry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if insurers seek to restrict or eliminate coverage for acts of domestic terrorism, that NAHB urge Congress to require insurers to provide coverage for acts of domestic terrorism and back stop against insured losses from such acts.

Board of Directors Action:	<b>Approved</b>
Executive Board Action:	Recommends Approval
Resolutions Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Federal Government Affairs Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
State and Local Government Affairs	Recommends Approval