

Timeframe for Fannie/Freddie Regulation

Note: Prior to 2005, no legislation to further regulate or oversee the Government Sponsored Enterprises of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac passed the House of Representatives. The last time major legislation was passed to oversee the enterprises was in 1992—when the Democrats were in charge of both houses of Congress—when the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight was created.

Republicans who controlled Congress from 1995-1996 had every opportunity to pass reforms and failed. President Bush had for much of his presidency had Republican control of GSE reform and failed to sign a tough regulation bill.

Below is a recent timeline of congressional action on the GSEs.

2005

May 25- House Financial Services Committee, under control of House Republicans and Chairman Michael Oxley, passed a GSE Reform bill, H.R. 1461, by a vote of 65-5. Every Democrat on the Committee voted for the bill. The five Republicans who voted against the stronger regulations on the GSEs are: Royce, Paul, Feeney, Hensarling, Garrett.

July 28- Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, then chaired by Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL), passed S. 190 out of Committee. The bill was passed by a party-line vote of 11-10. The bill did not reach the Senate floor for a vote.

October 26- Bush Administration issued a Statement of Administration Policy on the day of the Floor Action on H.R. 1461 stating that the Administration opposes the bill.

October 26- H.R. 1461 passes House by a vote of 331-90

2007

January 31- Chairman Barney Frank organizes the Financial Services Committee

March 28- House Financial Services Committee passes H.R. 1427, a GSE reform bill, 49-15

May 22- House of Representatives passes H.R. 1427, 313-104

2008

January, 2008 – Chairman Frank offers to insert both GSE Reform and FHA reform into the stimulus bill that was being negotiated by the Democrats and Republicans in Congress and the Bush Administration. Secretary Paulson declined.

May 8- House of Representatives passes H.R. 3221, which contains GSE reform provision, after receiving the Senate amendments to the original bill.

May 20- Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee passes a bill containing GSE Reform provisions- The Federal Housing Finance Regulatory Reform Act of 2008

July 11- United State Senate passes GSE reform as part of a bigger bill.

July 30 – President Bush signs GSE reform as part of H.R. 3221.