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TO: MEMBERS OF THE WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE
FROM: WISCONSIN HOUSING ALLIANCE
RE: AB-1085: FACTORY-BUILT HOUSING LANGUAGE BILL

Historical Context for AB-1085:

- The foundation for the "Language Bill" is with the recommendations from the Governor's Task Force on Manufactured Housing.
- In 1999, Governor Thompson launched the Governor's Task Force on Manufactured Housing, which had a final report presented to then Governor-elect Doyle in December of 2002
- Current terminology in Wisconsin State Statutes concerning the factory-built housing industry are out-of-date, confusing and are in need of modernization.

Provisions of AB-1085:

- Change "manufactured building" to "modular home".
- Change "parking permit fee" to "municipal permit fee".
- This legislation creates a single definition for "mobile home".
- This legislation creates a single definition for "manufactured home".
- This legislation creates a more consistent use of the terms "mobile home" and "manufactured home".
- This legislation increases from two to three the number of mobile or manufactured home units that must be located on a plot of ground before the ground is considered to be a mobile or manufactured home park subject to regulation by Commerce and the municipality in which the park is located.
- This bill prohibits any public utilities from charging fees for water lost between a manufactured home community's master meter and unit meters, unless the loss exceeds the utility's systems-wide loss rate. PSC 185.88(4) allows cities to have a 15-25% loss. AB-1085 modernizes water loss standards to mirror that of the utility.
- This bill makes minor modifications to the definition of "recreational vehicle" and generally clarifies the applicability of certain vehicle regulations to recreational vehicles. This bill also uses the term "recreational vehicle" in place of "mobile home" where "mobile home" is used to refer to temporary living quarters.

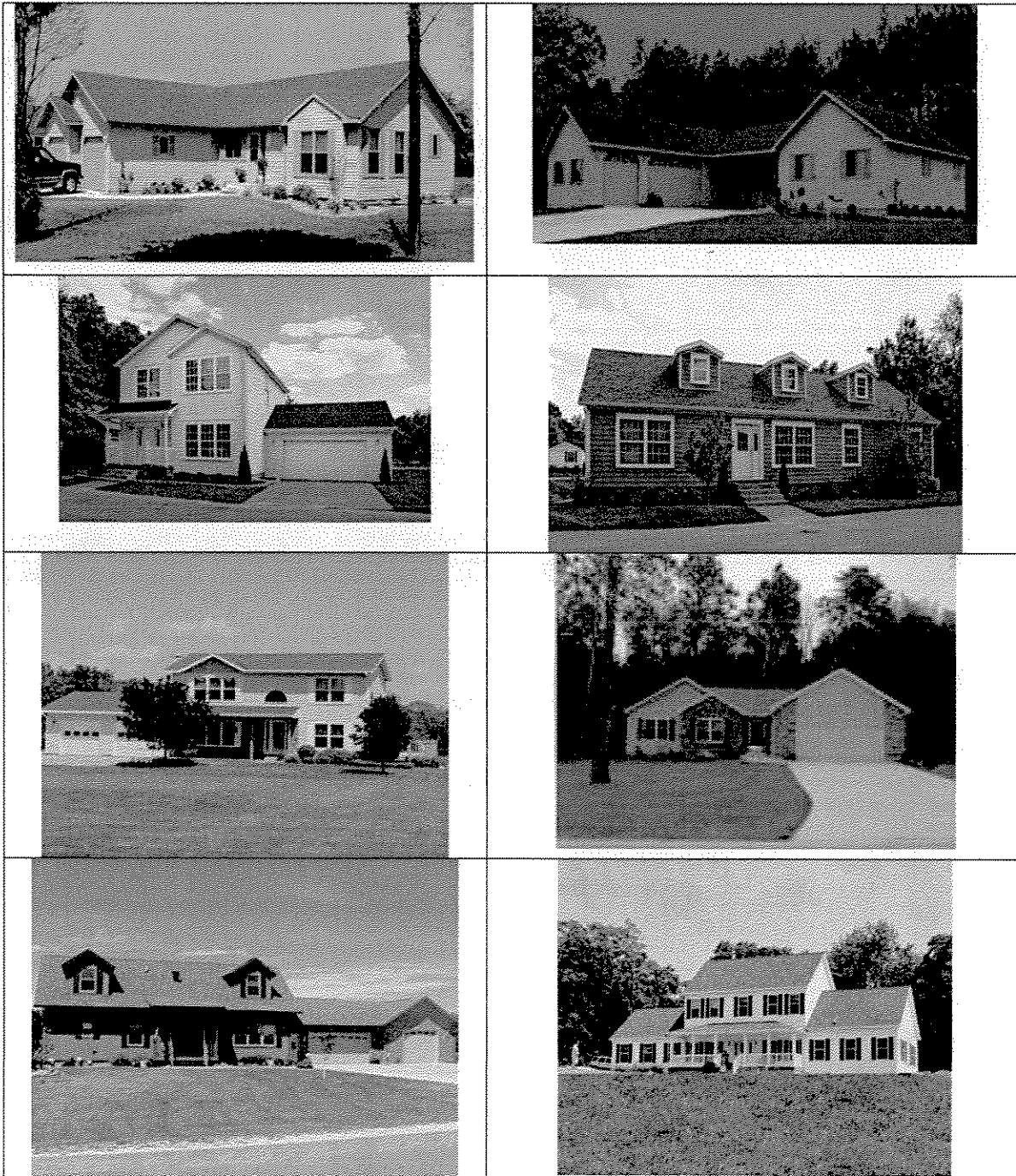


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THE VOICE OF FACTORY-BUILT HOUSING

FACTORY BUILT-HOUSING: MODULAR HOMES

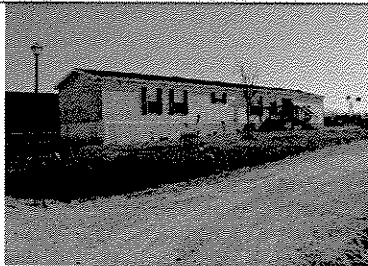
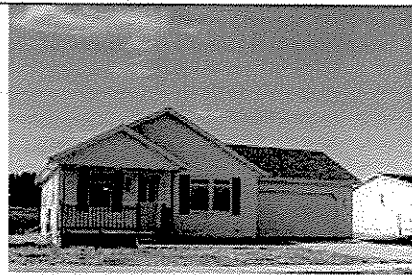
*Modular homes are built to the State's Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC)



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FACTORY-BUILT HOUSING: HUD CODE MANUFACTURED HOMES



REP. TOWNSEND'S TESTIMONY ON AB 1085
Assembly Committee on Housing
March 9, 2006

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and fellow committee members, for this opportunity to speak to you this morning about Assembly Bill 1085.

As you can see in the legislative analysis, AB 1085 is largely a clean-up bill, updating and clarifying the terminology relating to mobile, manufactured, and modular homes and recreational vehicles. The bill also revises the circumstances under which municipalities may regulate manufactured home communities (commonly referred to as mobile home parks). Lastly, this bill revises the procedure for charging residents of manufactured home communities for water lost when distributed among the various units from the master meter.

This bill has been in the works for several years, and I believe it is a big step in making the law clear and accessible.

At this point, I would like to representatives of the Wisconsin Housing Alliance, who will be able to provide more details about the bill. Thank you.