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In 1997, CNYC helped secure legislation enabling condominium associations to borrow money. The same year saw the creation of a separate resolution part in Housing Court for co-op and condo cases.

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