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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSES H.J. RES. 638

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the extension resolution 233 to 189, approving 39 more months for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. Ten of the 24 Texas representatives voted for H.J. Res. 638.

As the vote approached, N.O.W. began a nationwide campaign to turn out mail to Congress, urging representatives to vote for the extension. Two field organizers came to Texas to familiarize local N.O.W. members with the telephoning campaign that had proven so effective in their areas. They were Eleanor Self, of Louisville, Ky., and Joan Denman, Alabama State Coordinator. They assisted N.O.W. chapters in Houston, Corpus Christi, Dallas and Fort Worth.

With considerable assistance from Ms. Self, Frances Hicks of Bay Area N.O.W. coordinated the campaign for Houston and the surrounding area. During the second week of August, they gathered some 45 volunteers from various organizations, including N.O.W., L.W.V., W.E.A.L., A.A.U.W., A.C.L.U., Women's Political Caucus, Unitarian Church Women, teenagers and other unaffiliated women and men. Local business offices donated space and telephone lines while volunteers phoned thousands of area residents and asked their permission to send mail to Congress in their names.

The effort targeted U.S. Representatives Bob Eckhardt and Bob Gammage because they were reportedly wavering in support of H.J. Res. 638. In all, 1080 letters, 2428 post cards, and 266 public opinion messages were generated to the two representatives. Rep. Gammage voted for extension and against rescission while Rep. Eckhardt voted for rescission and against extension.

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Despite Eckhardt's turncoat action, the effort was deemed successful and Frances Hicks merits commendation for a splendid job. (Funds for the project were provided about equally by Houston Area N.O.W. and National N.O.W.)

The battle is not over, though. The extension resolution now awaits approval of the U.S. Senate, and N.O.W. members are asked to write Senators John Tower and Lloyd Bentsen, to urge them to vote for extension, against rescission, and for cloture (to cut off filibusters against the resolution). Sen. Tower now says he will not vote for the resolution, but we should still try to change his position. He at least may help the resolution by voting for cloture, so urge him to do that. Sen. Bentsen is now considering voting for rescission, and he must be reminded that the extension is a separate matter from rescission, which should be decided alone at another time.

Ms. Hicks also advises members to write Sen. Robert Byrd, Senate majority leader, urging him to bring the resolution, now called S.J.R.134, to the Senate floor in September. Congress will adjourn at the end of September, so the Senate vote must occur before then. When Senators return after elections in November, the chances of their continued support for the extension are rated as slim. Also, write the Senate Judiciary Committee to support S.J.Res. 134. The address for all Senators is: Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20010.

It is hoped that a telephoning campaign can be organized for pressing the Texas Senators into proper action. As soon as a coordinator of the effort can take over, volunteers will be needed. This effort will only involve post cards and so will last a shorter period. Persons who could volunteer as coordinator should phone Ms. Hicks at 488-8574.

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SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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BUSINESS MEETING

This month's business meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 7:30 p.m., at 1902 Colquitt, No. 16c. This will be an important meeting to elect delegates to the National N.O.W. Conference in October. Members who will be able to go to the conference are urged to attend the Sept. 6 meeting.



A TIME FOR ACTION: SUMMARY, AUGUST 2 BUSINESS MEETING

Members of Houston Area N.O.W.:

1. Finalized plans for the Aug. 26 picnic.
2. Voted to support the N.O.W. lobbying campaign for E.R.A. extension with a \$165 donation for mailing costs and volunteer efforts to secure names for letters and mailgrams to the House of Representatives.
3. Discussed plans for program meetings for the next year.
4. Decided to send mailgrams to Midge Costanza and President Carter concerning Costanza's resignation.

* * *Linda Bain

SUPER SUBSCRIPTION OFFER!
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these
are the times
that try men's souls
imagine
what
they're doing
to ours

PROGRAM MEETING

Houston Area N.O.W. and University Feminists will present "Adam and Even", a play for living by Family Services, Wednesday, Sept. 13, 1978. The play examines sex role stereotypes and a brief panel discussion will follow.

This production of "Adam and Even" has been acclaimed often in Houston and will begin at 8 p.m. in the Parliament Room of the University Center at the University of Houston.

TEXAS STATE N.O.W. COUNCIL MEETING

The national E.R.A. extension effort was the subject of the State Council meeting held in the Capital in Austin Aug. 19.

Delegates reported on the recent mailing campaign to the U.S. House of Representatives urging support for H.J. Res. 638. This effort was quite successful in several Texas cities. Ten of the Texas representatives voted for extension and all N.O.W. members should write them to express gratitude for their votes. (See the list of Texas representatives on p. 5).

Now that the extension resolution awaits Senate approval, N.O.W. members must write Senators John Tower and Lloyd Bentsen to urge their support and votes for extension, and against any condition allowing rescission. It is also important to ask the Senators to vote for cloture, which will cut off filibusters during debate on the resolution.

The state N.O.W. project of sending computer-written letters to Congress has become a regional effort. More signature releases of Texas residents are needed, however, so sign your name and ask friends and colleagues to sign their names on the release form below, then mail to Gail Baier at the address shown.

It was announced that Texas State Representative Senfronia Thompson of Houston is preparing legislation concerning abused women and she wishes citizens' input on this issue. This information should be communicated to her at her local office or to Frances Hicks at 488-8574.

Four council resignations were accepted at the meeting, those of State Coordinator Lynne Mutchler, Communications Coordinator Pam Summers, Treasurer Gail Baier and Legislative Chair Antoinette D'Oronzio. Three of these positions were immediately filled by elections, and they are: State Coordinator, Gail Baier (of San Antonio N.O.W.); Communications Coordinator, Teri Chandler (of Dallas N.O.W.); and Treasurer, Jan Clark (of San Antonio N.O.W.). The new State Coordinator's address is: Gail Baier, 9110 Broadway, Apt. M201, San Antonio, Tx. 78217. Her telephone: (512) 826-5095.

Members may now subscribe to the state newsletter (\$3.00 for six issues per year) and submit state newsletter material to Communications Coordinator Teri Chandler at P.O. Box 677, Lancaster, Tx. 75146 or phoning her at (214) 742-9211 or (214) 227-6246.

Send to Gail Baier, 9110 Broadway Apt. M201, San Antonio,
 PERMISSION FORM Tx. 78217.

I support the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution and the effort to extend the deadline for ratification for seven more years. I, therefore, authorize NOW and its members to sign my name and address to letters and postcards to members of Congress and to the President of the United States, indicating that support.

 Signature

 Name

 Address

 Date

My Congressional Representative is: _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ toward the cost of the ERA Extension Campaign.

write on!

Archer, R-Houston	N	Pickle, D-Austin	N
Brooks, D-Beaumont	N	Poage, D-Waco	N
Burleson, D-Anson	N	Roberts, D-McKinney	N
Collins, R-Dallas	N	Teague, D-College Station	X
De la Garza, D-Mission	N	White, D-El Paso *	Y
Eckhardt, D-Houston	N	Wilson, D-Lufkin *	Y
Gammage, D-Houston*	Y	Wright, D-Fort Worth *	Y
Gonzalez, D-San Antonio*	Y	Young, D-Corpus Christi *	Y
Hall, D-Marshall	N		
Hightower, D-Vernon	N		
Jordan, D-Houston *	Y		
Kazen, D-Laredo	N		
Krueger, D-New Braunfels *	Y		
Mahon, D-Lubbock	N		
Mattox, D-Dallas *	Y		
Milford, D-Grand Prairie *	Y		

KEY

Y — Yes
 N — No
 O — Paired yes
 X — Paired no
 P — Voted present
 A — Absent or did not vote

Write these Texas Representatives (Those that are starred) to thank them for voting yes on extension for E.R.A. ratification (H.J.Res. 638).
 (Address: House Office Building, Wahsington, D.C., 20015)

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Elections for N.O.W. officers are nearing. If you would like to serve in some office, contact Linda Jones at 933-0962 and come to the Sept. and Oct. meetings.

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A new feminist business, B.D. and Daughter, has opened in Houston at 1623 Westheimer. Books, posters, records, and other items are available at the store, which is open 5-9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays.

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The copy deadline for the October BROADSIDE will be **Sunday, September 24**. Please get your information to Yvonne Broach by then by phoning 664-4282.

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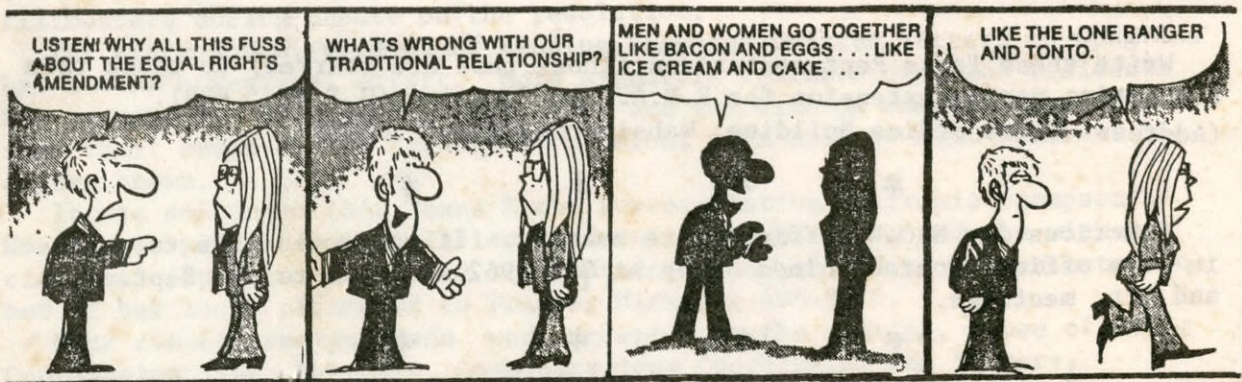
NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 1978 National N.O.W. Conference will be held in Wahsington, D.C. October 6-9. It will be the first national conference on issues since the conferences began alternating between elections and issues each year.

Numerous workshops have been scheduled for the conference. The key area of discussion will be ratification of the E.R.A., but issues, such as education, religion, poverty, lesbian rights, health, homemaking, and others, will be focused, also. Other events sheduled during the conference include film festivals, entertainment by women artists, booths and displays, a special E.R.A. auction, and caucuses. Child care will be free but preregistration is a prerequisite for this. To preregister for the conference, fill out the forms in your National N.O.W. Times for September 1978, p. 14, or come to the next business meeting of H.A.N.O.W.

Houston Area N.O.W. members who are interested and will be going to the conference should come to the Sept. business meeting. Houston Area N.O.W. will be electing delegates at that meeting to attend the conference.

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Utah women face low-paying jobs, commission says

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Women looking for work in Utah will have the best luck applying for a low-paying, non-professional job, says the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women.

And if she is fortunate enough to land a top level professional post, chances are she will be paid less than men.

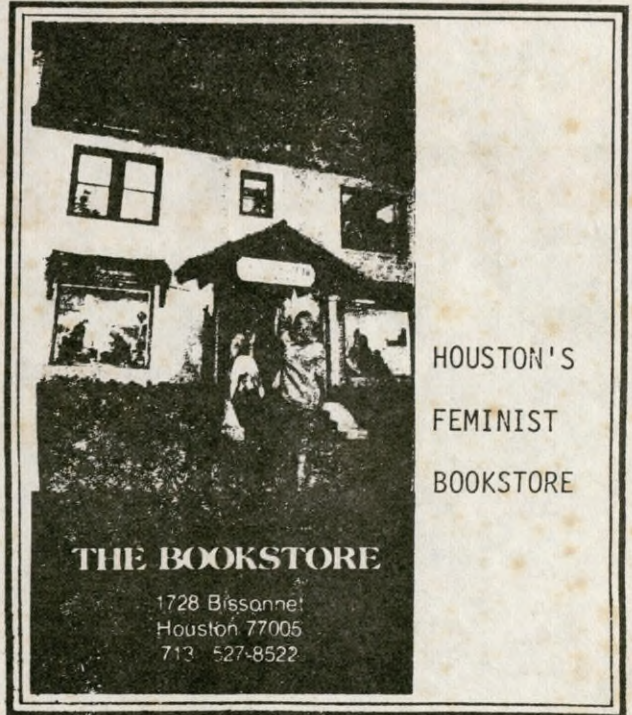
Forty-three percent of the women in the state work, and most — particularly young mothers — have jobs because of economic need, the commission said.

"The picture of Dick and Jane's mommy at home in an apron is increasingly unrealistic," said the commission.

Those conclusions come from "Utah Women: A Profile," a report recently published by the controversial commission, which lost its state funding earlier this year but continues its work with private donations.

The commission recommended better job training programs for women and vigorous enforcement of anti-discrimination laws. It also recommended improved child day-care facilities.

The Utah Legislature which has not approved the proposed Equal Rights Amendment refused to fund the commission after July of this year. Many lawmakers were upset because the agency helped sponsor the International Women's Year Convention in Houston.



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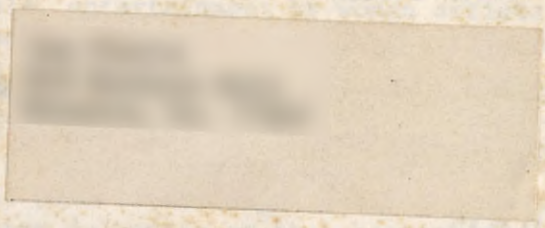
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