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2nd District LWV

To Meet With

Rep. Ancher Nelsen

Representative Ancher Nelsen will be in Albert Lea for an interview with the League of Women Voters on Saturday, April 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Fireside Room of the United Methodist Church. League members are urged to get acquainted with their Congressman and lobby in person.



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memorandum

The League of Women Voters of the United States

DATE: 10/25

TO: Mrs McCoy, President, LWV of Minn.

FROM: Lesley G. Dunn, Staff Director, Legislative Action

SUBJECT: Congressional contact by National (~~Board member~~/Lobbying Corps member)

(A):

We would like you to notify the local League president(s) in your state's 2

Congressional district that Representative Nelson

of that district was contacted on 5-31 by F. Kieffer

Impoundment. The subject of the discussion was

L.A. says Cong. generally not in favor of removing power from executive to control spending because of need to control
 Additional remarks: inflation. Would be interested in legislation helping Congress to reorganize itself to function better in areas of total spending etc.

(B):

Your U.S. Senator _____ was interviewed on _____,

by _____. The subject of the discussion was _____

Additional remarks: _____

ANCHER NELSEN

MEMBER OF CONGRESS

365 Lake St., Hutchinson
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WILLIAM R. EMSTAD
FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102
January, 1973
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INTERVIEW WITH REPRESENTATIVE ANCHER NELSEN
2nd District - Republican

Committees: Interstate and Foreign Commerce - 2nd Ranking Republican
District of Columbia - Ranking Republican

League members of the 2nd District held an informal interview with Congressman Ancher Nelsen, Wednesday, December 13, 1972.

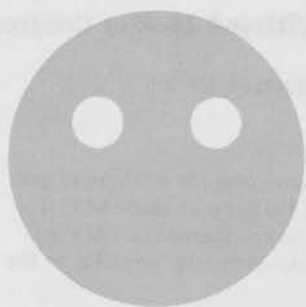
Congressman Nelsen described his work on the House District Committee which oversees the affairs of the District of Columbia. The Leagues support home rule for the District which at present has no voting representative in Congress. Congressman Nelsen described himself as the "balancing force" between extremes on both sides of the home rule question. His major effort will be to begin pushing Congress to implement the Nelsen Commission's recommendations. These will restructure and improve D.C. local government. They won't deal with home rule per se, but with implementation they will give greater local control. He prefers this "go slow" approach to giving control of District affairs to its citizens. The fate of D.C. home rule will rest with the make-up of the new D.C. Committee. Congressman Nelsen opposed the Senate's D.C. home rule legislation last session. It would negate the D.C. crime bill's law procedure reform that he had been involved in working out. He defended the "no knock" provisions of the D.C. crime bill as being the only way to catch drug abusers.

On environmental issues he has supported the Nixon administration, however notably voting to override the presidential veto of the Water Pollution Control Bill. In the area of solid waste disposal he feels the present means of burying our wastes is unsatisfactory. However, he would not like to see increased federal involvement in this area. He feels local control over disposal and recycling are best. Congressman Nelsen is not in favor of large dam building on the Minnesota River. He and Representative Blatnik have met with the Corps of Engineers and they feel assured they have killed the high dam proposal. He would like discouragement of wetland drainage and flooding of marginal land during heavy runoff times.

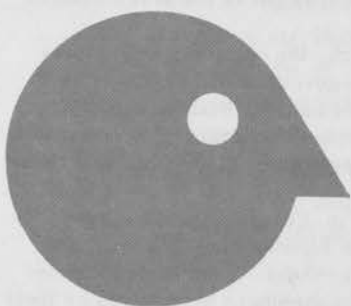
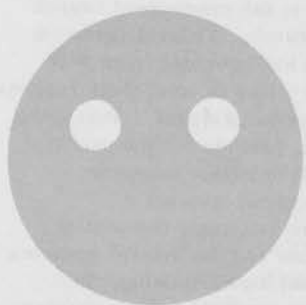
He feels funding of the S S T was over-rated as an environmental issue and believes it was a mistake for the Congress to vote it down. The defeat of the S. S. T represented, he declared, a 20 billion dollar loss to U.S. business and labor.

Feeling many people on welfare are abusers of the system he would not support the concept of a guaranteed annual wage. His opposition to the child care bill in the last session was because of cost. The Leagues discussed the problems a mother with dependent children has in gaining a skill to get off the welfare rolls. There is a possibility of Congressman Nelsen's attitude changing in this area.

On the subject of direct election of the President, Rep. Nelsen saw no need to eliminate the electoral college system, providing it were reformed to better reflect the total vote of the state. A direct election of the President by the people he felt is not necessary. He favors the proportional system of casting electoral votes. He also does not endorse the idea of citizen suits against the government, as it would "open the door for a bonanza for lawyers."

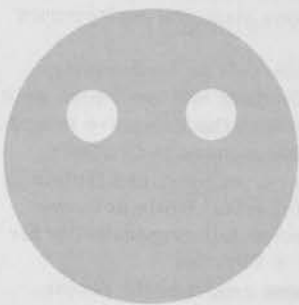


Ralph Nader Congress Project Citizens Look at Congress



Ancher Nelsen

Republican Representative
from Minnesota



written by Fritzie Cohen



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Dear Liz,

Just received a note from office regarding Lois Krueger's address.

Because of financial problems as a General Motors co dealer, Mr Krueger has left Albert Lea. At this time there is court action. We all feel very badly about it, and miss Lois very much. She did write a letter of resignation from the board of Albert Lea L. W. V.

I had ~~hoped~~ hoped she may have also written to you. As Lois is no longer in Minnetonka - nor do I have an address - I think you should feel free to replace her as Action Coordinator. Sorry I don't have a qualified person to suggest. Lois was so very good at this.

We know the situation is hard for Lois and that she will miss Leona very much.

Sincerely

Elna Potts

409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
May 9, 1971

Mrs. Tom Cone
1115 Jorgenson St.
Hutchinson, Minnesota 55350

Dear Sally,

I have just returned from National Council meeting in Washington, D.C. There I was asked if the Leagues in Anchor Nelson's district could help in finding out more about his position on home rule for the District of Columbia. He is the key figure in this issue. I would appreciate hearing your suggestions. Is there someone in the League in Hutchinson who knows him well and would be willing to set up a meeting with him? I would think a small group, 2 or 3 would be best. Maybe it should be the League's coordinator in Alpha, Mrs. Benda but probably meeting with him in Hutchinson would be the easiest. I have some understanding of the background and could probably attend.

D.C. home rule is a tricky issue and it's important to understand the politics of it all before talking to the Congressman. A few of the basic facts:

1. If it hadn't been for League's petition drive, DC probably would have a non-voting delegate in the House - Reverend Fauntroy.
2. Mr. Fauntroy is a Democrat, ~~not~~ liberal, black. Philosophically he is probably pretty far from Anchor Nelson, although some candidates for the DC position were far worse.
3. Mr. Fauntroy is busy introducing his home rule bill, getting publicity on it (ignoring others on the DC Committee) while at the same time the ladies in the DC League say that he isn't aware that the House Judiciary Committee will hold hearings on a Constitutional Amendment for permanent DC representation next month.
4. The League position is in vague terms for "full home rule". The National Board will probably interpret this in far more liberal terms than Anchor Nelson ever would, but Nation League does recognize some Federal rights in the District and Mr. Nelson, from previous conversations, favors letting them run a lot of the piddly stuff. What National League would like to know is what does he think the District should run for itself, how to work out finances, role of the Federal government, etc.
5. Anchor Nelson is on a "Little Hoover" commission, Pres. Nixon's proposal, to hold hearings and work out home rule. Congress

set this up last year. I guess it hasn't done much. Representative Nelson has talked in terms of waiting for this study to decide how home rule should be structured. It's my guess he would still think it best to have a study before committing himself to a specific proposal, especially since he is a part of the study. I have no idea when the study might be done; I think they had a year.

It's rather odd that the future of self-government for all of those people in DC could well rest with the Leagues of the 2nd District and how effective they are in convincing Anchor Nelson that people care about DC.

Perhaps sometime during the summer recess - August 6 to September 8 would be a good time. We can easily get in touch with the DC League and get anymore background that is needed. (Another fact is that the DC League and the National League are at odds with each other because National doesn't want to spend much effort on this and the woman they are working with isn't active in the DC League - it's rather hard to know who's on what side.) ~~What~~ Overlooked in all of this is the basic wrong that there is this large city that has no voice in running its own affairs.

Please let me know what you think should be done. A carbon of this letter is going to the District Coordinator, Mrs. George Bend.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott

January 1969

CONGRESSIONAL INTERVIEW

Congressman Ancher Nelsen - 2nd District, Minnesota - Republican

Committees: District of Columbia - ranking Republican
Interstate and Foreign Commerce

Head Start and other related agencies:

Mr. Nelsen prefers the Head Start Program under the direction of Health, Education and Welfare, contrary to League position. Better coordination and less amount of duplication of programs were his reasons for putting it under HEW. Mr. Nelsen has been very pleased with the results of Head Start and calls it his favorite Poverty Program.

Ancher worked for Congressional action to make possible the purchase of old sound abandoned school houses for Day Centers. (such as Biscay)

Job Corps:

Nelsen is an advocate of industry trainee programs which could eliminate the expenses of a Job Corps. If Job Corps exist under the New Administration he looks for it to be under a different government branch.

Housing:

Nelsen noted the possibility of tax incentives to free enterprise for investing in low income housing or urban renewal projects. Private capital should be used in recent subsidized housing projects. He would not commit himself on the Fair Housing Law.

Aid and Trade:

Nelsen voted for the lowest foreign aid appropriation in years. "I'd hate to be the one responsible for killing it."

He felt increased trade with Communist Bloc countries was debatable. The purpose of the quota bills is to put pressure to get the statutes enforced.

China and the U.N.:

China, a real problem to know what is right. Mr. Judd (former Minnesota Congressman, China expert, Republican) says we shouldn't do anything until China gets nicer. Yet, if you have a difficult neighbor who is in trouble and you don't help, it's hard to see how he's going to get nicer.

He feels recognizing China on a trade basis would open doors to UN recognition which would ultimately destroy the UN structure. The UN charter should be changed to one-man-one vote, but he doesn't see how we can get the change made.

Water:

He favors getting the sanitary facilities construction work done now by guaranteeing the interest up to the authorized amount, "a Republican idea." (The League favors this legislation.)

Electoral College:

Congressman Nelsen favors a change in the present system. He would keep the electors but have them vote in proportion to the popular vote per state. Example:

60% Nixon	40% Humphrey
6 elector votes	4 elector votes - in a 10 elector state.

Home Rule for D.C.:

Nelsen is the ranking Republican of the House District Committee and has proposed numerous bills to enhance the educational benefits for D.C. residents. Due to these efforts, a Liberal Arts College and Vocational Technical School have been established, plus the city's own elected school board.

The city also has its own mayor and city council (appointed by the President). (He had been asked by Nixon about keeping Mr. Washington as mayor and he had recommended it.)

He favors congressional representation for D.C. with a non-voting representative first until a constitutional amendment can be passed. This amendment should be for one representative and such other as set by Congress. Last session the version providing for 2 Senators and a Representative was too much and this killed it. (This version was the idea of Congressman MacGregor, Minnesota, 3rd District.)

Representative Ancher Nelsen was interviewed on Dec. 19, 1968, by the Hutchinson League and state Board representatives - Vice President Nash and Congressional Action Chairman Elizabeth Ebbott.

Home: Sally Cone

Hutchinson members attending: Bullert, Cone, Thovson

CONGRESSIONAL INTERVIEW

Ancher Nelsen - Republican - 2nd District

District of Columbia Committee - ranking Republican
Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee
Temporary Chairman, Commission on the Organization of the Government of the
District of Columbia (Little Hoover Commission on D.C. Government)

U.S. Congress:

He expressed the fear that wealthy congressmen with large staffs would be able to exert undue influence on the committee leadership selection process if the seniority system were abandoned.

Environmental Quality:

Congressman Nelsen was on the conference committee for the Solid Waste Bill. This is one of the major problems of the country, especially in areas of concentrated population. There is an experiment going on where solid waste is being compressed and used as fuel for the generation of power. The bill provides money to assist in research and development in the solid waste field.

He also was on the conference committee for the Clean Air Bill. This gives the states primary responsibility for administering the bill, but if the state fails to act, the federal government can move in. The federal government will set minimum standards. On emissions from stationary sources, i.e. power plants, factories, etc. the state can set stricter standards. The bill does allow some exception from the standards if imposing them would impose too hard an economic burden in certain instances.

Federal standards will prevail on emissions from moving vehicles, although California can continue to have stricter standards. By 1975 automobile manufacturers have to meet the standards. As long as you use the internal combustion machine, which doesn't completely burn up the compressed fuel, you have the problem of pollution. Car manufacturers are working on elaborate systems to remove this unused fuel. These systems are based on a platinum rod that will attract and convert the pollutants. If there is lead in the gas, the rod will be used up in about 1000 miles. This is the reason for converting to non-leaded gas. Congressman Nelsen mentioned a car using a small steam engine that seemed to function well with far less pollution.

He favors allowing the SST to be built. The opposition is from the point of view of ecology and cost. He feels there is not definite proof that the plane will damage life in the ocean. A dozen or two small planes could do the same damage to the environment as one SST. The question is really whether or not the U.S. will build the plane, too. With SSTs already being built, the ecology problem and the sonic boom problem already exist. It would be hard to ban the plane from landing in the U.S.

The SST has already cost a billion dollars. Congressman Nelsen hopes that in the future we will move in the direction of attracting private capital and phasing out the federal government. The aircraft industry on the West Coast is desperately concerned about the SST's future. We have led in aircraft construction for years, and stopping will cause great problems of unemployment. If the U.S. doesn't build its own SSTs for international travel, it could cause trouble for the balance of trade.

In reply to a question about proposals to dam the Minnesota River, Mr. Nelsen was very positive that the high dam was dead. He had assurances from Rep. Blatnik, chairman-to-be of the Public Works Committee, that the Corps of Engineers' dam proposal would not be funded. Congressman Nelsen stressed working through the soil conservation districts to reduce the flooding.

Foreign Policy: Trade

Mr. Nelsen was concerned about the mink farmers being put out of business because of foreign imports. Skins are coming into our country at a cost that no one can meet and stay in business. But the trade bill would have caused worse troubles for grain exports. Congressman Nelsen voted against the bill.

Representative Government: Direct Election of the President

While he voted for direct election, he really favors the Karl Mundt approach to changing the electoral college. Under this plan the candidate would get electoral votes in proportion to the popular vote rather than winner take all. He feels we must move very, very carefully on this issue. He fears that under the direct election system the tremendously large cities could completely control the politics of the country.

District of Columbia

The non-voting House delegate bill was a struggle. This is now the first time in a hundred years that D.C. will have any representation on the floor of the House of Representatives. This bill and the "Little Hoover Commission" bill were Congressman Nelsen's.

He was critical of Rep. Celler, chairman of the Judicial Committee, for not acting on the constitutional amendment for a voting delegate in the House. This he supports,

Mr. Nelsen pointed out that Washington, D.C. is the federal city of all Americans and it should be our model city. It is not a model city. Education has suffered. Drug addiction is on the rampant incline, and the entire city is in need of attention. To assume that Washington, D.C. can be run from the top by Congress itself will cause the District to deteriorate more and more. He sees the Little Hoover Commission as trying to clarify jurisdiction. There should be a dual approach of federal interest and also local involvement. He feels the elected school board is beginning to make a difference in the quality of education.

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The interview was held as a public meeting in Jackson, Minnesota. Attending were 25 Jackson citizens, and League members from St. Peter, North Mankato, New Ulm, the state Board as well as Jackson. The Jackson League hosted and moderated the meeting.



TURNBULL for CONGRESS

Turnbull for Congress Volunteer Committee, P.O. Box 285, St. Peter, Minnesota 56082

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September 9, 1972

Mrs. Mary Ann McCoy, President
Minnesota League of Women Voters
555 Wabasha
St. Paul, MN 55101

Dear Mary Ann:

Enclosed are some copies of a press release which should interest you and other LWVers. Hope this word gets out to all the Leagues in the 2nd District. Ancher should be retired!

Our units are having meetings on campaign practices in October. I think I'll suggest that if Leaguers want to change campaign financing they should each undertake to contribute or to raise at least \$50 to \$100 for one or more candidates each election year. Such are the results are my ruminations after having to beg for enough money to keep a campaign going.

Good luck with your legislative workshops.

Sincerely,

Vici Oshiro

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Campaign Chairman: Vici Oshiro, Burnsville Secretary: Jo Landwer, Mankato Treasurer: Irene Littig, St. Peter

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Sept. 9, 1972



PRESS RELEASE

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For Release: Immediate
Turnbull blasts Nelsen for
failure on 'home rule' issue

Charlie Turnbull, 2nd District DFL Congressional candidate, blasted the incumbent representative Friday after the U. S. House Committee for the District of Columbia again failed to take action to give the District home rule.

"This constant failure by Anchor Nelsen to act has to stop," Turnbull stated. "Evidently, we're going to have to put up with more of his game-playing before this issue is finally settled."

The House "D. C. Committee" was scheduled to meet Thursday but, just as happened about a month ago, no quorum was present, the St. Peter candidate explained.

"According to information forwarded to me late Thursday night, there ~~were~~ sufficient proponents of 'home rule' to pass the issue and move it from the committee to the House floor," Turnbull remarked.

"But Rep. Anchor Nelsen, who has constantly talked about how much he has done for the District of Columbia failed to show up for the meeting."

"He has had the swing vote for a long time, and could have been the primary instrument to give home rule to the District, but he has joined other Conservatives to play games. They won't make sure there is a quorum, then vote it up or down, they just play with this basic element of our democratic system--even though the President backs home rule," Turnbull continued.

He noted the Washington, D. C. press is "giving Nelsen and other opponents of action considerable heat" because of the failure to take a vote in the committee.

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The 39-year-old challenger called it "ironic" that Nelsen has blocked the issue since "it is well-known that he has received a significant amount of campaign funding from the District of Columbia."

Turnbull said a recent fund-raiser for the incumbent in Washington, D. C. raised several thousand dollars for Nelsen's campaign.

While noting that one more person--"...Ancher Nelsen, ideally, had he been present"--could have provided the one extra vote needed for Thursday's quorum, Turnbull had bitter words for another Republican, too.

Rep. Joel Broyhill, R-Virginia, an opponent of home rule, had been present in Committee Chairman John McMillan's office, but he did not go to the committee room for the session. Even though McMillan, an opponent of home rule from South Carolina, had flown to the capital for the meeting, there was one too few House members on hand.

"At least McMillan made an effort, but his colleagues weren't willing to vote on the issue," Turnbull added.

Turnbull was joined in his remarks today by John Hottinger, Janesville, a spokesman for the "Committee for D. C. Home Rule." He said he was "infuriated" by the failure of the Hutchinson lawmaker and other opponents of the measure to provide a quorum.

Calling Nelsen's attitude toward the District and the issue both "paternalistic" and "appalling," Hottinger said the House D. C. Committee should approve the measure and send it to the floor for a vote.

The comparable Senate bill, sponsored by Sen. Thomas Eagleton, D-Missouri, has previously been approved. Passage of a final home rule measure would for the first time allow residents to elect their mayor and city council. At present, they only elect a school board, a non-voting delegate to Congress and the President appoints the others.

St. Louis

memorandum

The League of Women Voters of the United States

JUN 25 1972

DATE: 6/22/72

TO: Mrs. Mary Ann McCay, President, LWV of Minnesota.
 FROM: Lesley G. Dunn, Staff Director, Legislative Action
 SUBJECT: Congressional contact by National (Board member/~~Lobbying Corps member~~)

(A):

We would like you to notify the local League president(s) in your state's 2nd
 Congressional district that Representative Anchor Nelson
 of that district was contacted on 6/7/72 by Ruth Sims
DC Home Rule. The subject of the discussion was

Additional remarks: As far as DC Home Rule. Is having trouble
with his opponent in the current election who says
he has given too much time to DC and not to his
constituents.

(B):

Your U.S. Senator _____ was interviewed on _____,
 by _____. The subject of the discussion was _____

Additional remarks: _____

April 20, 1972

The Honorable Ancher Nelsen
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Nelsen:

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota we appreciate your making time available to meet with our members in your district Saturday, April 8 in Albert Lea. These sessions are always very useful to the Leagues.

We hope that a solution to the D.C. home rule issue is being worked out and that soon, once again, Ancher Nelsen can find the area of compromise.

The League thanks you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
National Action Chairman

cc: Lois Krueger

1025 Bridge Avenue
Albert Lea, Minn. 56007
January 27, 1972

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
409 Birchwood
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110

Dear Liz;

I interpreted your note on the Memo re: Congressmen, League Interviews and Voting Records as a request for suggestions for a new coordinator in 2nd district.

I would like to recommend one of our members, Lois Krueger, 373-5641
Mrs. Arthur. Lois transferred from White Bear to Albert Lea in June 1970. She has been invaluable help during a time of re-organization. Before she had moved to Albert Lea, she had accepted a position on our Board and Legislative Action Chairman. She has served as first vice president and has the Publicity and Public Relations portfolio. In White Bear she had the State Agenda portfolio.

If I am correct in my interpretation, I hope Lois will be considered. She is interested and would like to know more about what is involved.

I hope to see you at the Indian Workshop.

Sincerely,

Elna

Mrs. Elna Ponto, president
Albert Lea League of Women Voters

cc Mrs. Mary Ann McCoy

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CONGRESSIONAL ACTION OF LEAGUE INTEREST

92nd Congress - 1st Session

Ancher Nelsen - Republican - 2nd District

Committees: Interstate and Foreign Commerce - 3rd ranking Republican
District of Columbia - ranking Republican

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U.S. CONGRESS

- X --House rules including 21 day rule on bills in the Rules Committee (after 21 days the Speaker can remove the bill and bring to the floor) Vote to close amendments...Defeated 134-254 (1/22/71 - #7)
- X --To remove the 21 day limit and keep the Rules Committee procedure as it had been...Passed 234-153 (1/22/71 - #9)
- X --House rules including the cutting of minority staffing of committees that had been approved in the 1970 law...Passed 226-156 (1/22/71 - #10)
- X --Assignment of Democrats to the House's standing committees...Passed 259-32 - 42 voting Present (2/4/71 - #13)

Co-author, to provide for equitable minority staffing.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- X --Accelerated Public Works Act, to delete \$2 billion not budgeted...Defeated 128-262 (4/22/71 - #68)
- X --Accelerated Public Works Act, Passed 319-68 (4/22/71 - #67)
- X --Accelerated Public Works Act, conference report...Passed 275-104 (6/15/71 - #134)
- X --Public Works and Economic Development Act and Appalachian Regional Development Act Extensions (\$1½ billion less than the vetoed bill) - Passed 375-27 (7/28/71 - #213)
- X --Emergency Employment Act, amendment providing for greater local control - Defeated 184-202 (6/2/71 - #114)
- X --Emergency Employment Act...Passed 245-141 (6/2/71 - #115)
- X --Education appropriations for fiscal year ending 6/30/72...Passed 355-7 (4/7/71 - #54)
- X --Amendment to add \$728.6 million...Defeated 188-191 (4/7/71 - #52)
- X --Amendment to remove section forbidding forced busing...Defeated 149-206 (4/7/71 - #53)
- X --Emergency School Aid Act (HR2266), to suspend the rules and pass...Defeated 135-222 (11/1/71 - #329)

Higher Education Act (HR7248)

- X --Amendment to exclude all male or all female undergraduate schools from "prohibition of sex discrimination" - Committee of the Whole, Passed 194-189 (11/4/71 - #349)
- X --same amendment, Passed the House 186-181 (11/4/71 - #360)
- X --Amendment to remove Ethnic Heritage Studies, Passed 200-159 (11/4/71 - #352)
- X --Amendment to postpone any U.S. District Court order forcing busing for racial balance until the U.S. Supreme Court has the opportunity to act on any appeal. (Broomfield Amendment) Passed 235-125 (11/4/71 - #354)
- X --Amendment that the federal government can't force states to spend state or local funds on programs for which federal funds can't be used (busing for racial balance - Green Amendment). Passed 231-126 (11/4/71 - #355)
- X --Amendment to exempt from the prohibition of using funds for busing local schools carrying out plans pursuant to court orders. Defeated 146-216 (11/4/71 - #356)
- X --Point of order removing the amendment (Ashbrook Amendment) that prohibits using any federal funds for busing to overcome racial imbalance. Overruled 233-124 (11/4/71 - #357)
- X --Point of order removing Emergency School Aid Act (HR2266 - Pucinski Amendment) as an amendment. Overruled 211-160 (11/4/71 - #359) (The amendment contains the antibusing provision)
- X --To consider the Family Assistance Bill (HR1) under the rule allowing no amendments except whether or not to strike Title IV (family assistance)...Passed 200-172 (6/21/71 - #152)
- X --To strike out Title IV...Defeated 187-234 (6/22/71 - #156)
- X --Family Assistance Bill...Passed 288-132 (6/22/71 - #157)
- X --To forbid food stamps to households where a member is on strike...Defeated 172-225 (6/23/71 - #161)
- Co-author, joint resolution to maintain food stamps at present levels.
- X --School Lunch and Breakfast program - Passed 354-0 (10/18/71 - #303)
- X --HUD Appropriations, conference report...Passed 362-30 (7/29/71 - #215)
- X --Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Act - Erlenborn substitute to provide for court enforcement without cease and desist powers; to remove the broadened coverage; to remove combining OFCC with EEOC...Passed 202-197 (9/17/71 - #262)
- X --To recommit - Defeated 130-270 (9/17/71 - #263)
- X --Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Act - Passed 285-106 (9/17/71 - #264)
- X --To disapprove of Reorganization Plan #1 of 1971 to create the Action Corps - combining the Peace Corps, VISTA, etc.)...Defeated 131-224 (5/25/71 - #108)
- X --Economic Opportunity Act Extension. Passed 251-115 (9/30/71)

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- X --Amendment to lower poverty level for day care provisions to conform to HR 1 level. Committee of the Whole. Defeated 187-189 (9/30/71 - #272)
- X --same amendment. Passed the House 191-180 (9/30/71 - #277)
- X --Amendment, Comprehensive Child Development Program. Passed 186-183 (9/30/71 - #276)
- X --Amendment to remove the Legal Services Corporation - Defeated 152-210 (9/30/71 - #275)
- X --Economic Opportunity Extension, Conference report. Passed 210-186 (12/7/71 - #438)
- X --Alaskan Native Claims, conference report. Passed 307-60 (12/14/71 - #465)

FOREIGN POLICY

- X --To add \$11.6 million for dues in the International Labor Organization... Defeated 147-227 (6/24/71 - #163)
- X --Foreign Aid Appropriations Act... Passed 200-192 (8/3/71 - #235)
- X --Repasing original House version of the Foreign Aid Bill to take to conference with the Senate. Passed 269-115 (11/18/71 - #406)
- X --Foreign Aid Appropriations. Passed 214-179 (12/8/71 - #441)
- X --Amendment to restore \$50 million for U.S. contribution to the UN Development Program. Defeated 119-268 (12/8/71 - #440)

Signed petition strongly opposing the expulsion of the Republic of China from the UN (prior to the UN vote, 10/13/71)

- X Accepting the conference committee's Military Procurement Authorization Bill, Sect. 503 (removing the embargo on importing chrom ore from Rhodesia) Passed 252-101 (11/10/71 - #379)

VOTING RIGHTS

- X --Constitutional Amendment, 18 year old vote - Passed 401-19 (3/23/71 - #27)

D.C. - Chairman, Commission on the Organization of the Government of the District of Columbia. Hearing held Nov. 11-13, 1971.

OTHER ISSUES OF GENERAL INTEREST

- X --To strike further funding of SST - Passed 217-204 (3/18/71 - #31 - Teller vote)
- X --To strike further funding of SST - Passed 216-203 (3/18/71 - #25 - Recorded vote)
- X --Continued funding of SST - Passed 201-195 (5/12/71 - #89)
- X --\$155.8 million to terminate SST program...Defeated 118-156 (5/20/71 - #105)

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- X --To create a select committee of the House to investigate energy resources...
Defeated 128-218 (5/26/71 - #110)
- X --To forbid funds for testing any nuclear weapons in the Aleutian Islands...
Defeated 108-275 (7/29/71 - #219)
- X --To repeal 2 year extension of the draft...Defeated 62-331 (3/31/71 - #37)
- X --To extend draft for 1 year...Defeated 198-200 (3/31/71 - #38)
- X --Conscientious objectors to serve 2 years instead of 3 and delete the auto-
matic induction if they do unsatisfactory work...Defeated 132-242 (3/31/71 -
#41)
- X --To prohibit involuntary assignment to SE Asia after 12/31/71 and involuntary
extension of service of previous inductees...Defeated 122-360 (3/31/71 - #42)
- X --To prohibit using draftees in any undeclared war...Defeated 96-278 (3/31/71 -
#43)
- X --To extend the draft 18 months instead of 24...Defeated 170-200 (3/31/71 - #44)
- X --The draft extension bill...Passed 293-99 (3/31/71 - #45)
- X --To table the Senate amendment to the draft bill that all U.S. military be
withdrawn from Indochina in 9 months, subject to the release of the POWs...
Passed 219-175 (6/28/71 - #167)
- X --Military Draft Bill, conference report...Passed 297-108 (8/4/71 - #238)
- X --To prohibit expenditure of new funds after 1/1/1972 to support U.S. military
operations in Vietnam, Cambodia or Laos...Defeated 158-255 (6/17/71 - #144)
- X --To cut off military support to Indochina after 6/1/1972 subject to certain
POW provisions...Defeated 147-237 (6/17/71 - #145)
- X --Defense Appropriations Amendment, to stop funding U.S. military in SE Asia
after 6/1/72 with withdrawal of U.S. forces at a date certain, subject to
the release of all American POWs. Defeated 163-238 (11/17/71 - #399)
- X --To table the Mansfield Amendment to the Foreign Aid Bill. Passed 130-101
(12/16/71 - #472)
- X --To table directing the Secretary of State to furnish certain information
about U.S. operations in Laos...Passed 261-118 (7/7/71 - #178)
- X --To send back to committee contempt citation against Frank Stanton and CBS...
Passed 226-181 (7/13/71 - #188)
- X --To authorize emergency loan guarantees to major business enterprises
(Lockheed)...Passed 192-189 (7/30/71 - #227)
- X --Women's Right Amendment to the Constitution (H J Res. 208) Passed 354-24
(10/12/71 - #294)
- X --To accept the committee amendment to exempt women from the draft and to
retain laws characterized as "reasonably promoting the health and safety of
the people" (Wiggins Amendment). Defeated 87-265 (10/12/71 - #293)
- X Prayer in public buildings Amendment to the Constitution (H J Res 191).
Defeated (lacked 2/3rds vote) 240-162 (11/8/71 - #366)

Conferee on Public Health Service Bill, Nurses Training Bill, Health Pro-
fessions Training Bill, funding cancer research.

Conferee, Conquest of Cancer Bill

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- X --Election Reform Bill, passed 373-23 (11/30/71 - #418)
- X --Amendment, to allow broadcasting stations to charge regular rates instead
 of lowest unit charge..Passed 219-150 (11/29/71 - #413)
- X --Amendment, to remove all federal elections from the equal time provision.
 Defeated 95-277 (11/29/71 - #414)

Liz Ebbott, 409 Birchwood Ave. White Bear Lake, Mn 55110

December 30, 1971

Dear Jean,

It's time again to contact Ancher Nelsen to arrange a League interview, if possible before Congress reconvenes January 18, 1972. The League office is now working on the voting record for this past year and it will be out to your Leagues - the new ones too - as soon as they can get it done. If you set up the interview before the material is out, I'll see to it that your Leagues and you get it in time.

We also have in the works, being typed, a Time for Action with background material on home rule for the District of Columbia. We would like this stressed at the interview; we hope Leagues in his district, old and new, will put on major campaigns to contact him and to raise public interest in the issue; and we're suggesting that Republican Leaguers bring it up as precinct caucus resolutions. Again, if this isn't out before the interview, we'll see to it ~~xxxx~~ that it does.

Since Jackson is now going to be in the 6th District, we will have to switch you during this next year. I haven't talked with Carol Dahl, coordinator for the 6th District in Wilmar. You both are excellent. I suppose if either one of you has a ~~xxxx~~ compelling reason for dropping out we would need to honor it, but at least we have a year to work it out.

You now have 15 Leagues to deal with - new ones, Albert Lea, Austin, Burnsville, Excelsior, Wayzata, Westonka; leaving ones - Jackson, Rock County and Worthington; remainders - Chaska, Mankato, Hutchinson, New Ulm, St. Peter, Wells. Enclosed is a League president address list so you can contact them. In setting up the meeting it might be well to pick a community closer to the new Leagues - perhaps Mankato or St. Peter. It could be in one of the new communities even - Wayzata or Westonka. Or perhaps in Hutchinson as most convenient for Mr. Nelsen. Wherever it is, we will pay your transportation (phone calls, etc. too) and you can feel free to ask any of the League presidents to find a place for the meeting. I'm sure they'd be willing to do that.

Let me know how you make out; if I can be of any help. Happy New Year.

Yours,

copies to: ~~xxxxxx~~
Mrs. Dorothy Stimpson
Director, Legislative Action Division
LWV of US, 1730 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20036

Mrs. Erwin Hannum
9815 Indian Queen, Oxon Hill, Md. 20022

Miss Wilma C. Martin
LWV of the District of Columbia
1346 Connecticut Ave. NW - Room 730
Washington, DC 20036

Mr. Jean Benda (Mrs. George)
RR 1, Alpha, Minn 56111

Sue Potter (Mrs. Dennis)
420 Grove S
Hutchinson, Mn 55350

Liz Ebbott ---- some of these could be Thermofaxed

Mrs. Lloyd Joshel
Chairman, Representative Government
LWV of US, 1730 M Street NW, Washington DC 20036

Dear Mrs. Joshel:

At National Council Dorothy Stimpson and I discussed informally the upcoming effort to obtain home rule for D.C. and the important role Congressman Ancher Nelsen would play in this. Through the Congressional Record we have tried to keep in touch with Mr. Fauntroy's efforts, the Senate action and Ancher Nelsen's "Commission on the Organization of the Government of the District of Columbia". This information has been shared with the League president of Hutchinson, Minnesota, ~~(xxxxxx)~~ Mr. Nelsen's home town (Sue Potter) and the League Congressional Coordinator for the 2nd District (Jean Benda, Alpha, Minn.)

During the summer recess, Sue Potter discussed home rule with Mr. Nelsen. She reported that he will want to wait until the Commission study is in progress to decide how home rule should be structured. He feels that the police and fire departments should remain federal.

During the first week of October, Congressman Nelsen's office contacted her ~~xxxx~~ with the information that the Commission would be holding hearings early in November.

Perhaps our Leagues in ~~xxxxxx~~ Representative Nelsen's 2nd District and those to be redistricted into his district could be of help. We would be happy to send out a Call for Action, asking them to write about DC home rule, timing it to coincide with the Commission's hearing in November.

To do this, we will need some facts about what is League position and what should be stressed. Congressman Nelsen is a conservative man. He represents a conservative district. He appears to really care

about DC and seems to be willing to allow some self-government. Undoubtedly League position would be for greater autonomy than Mr. Nelsen would be willing to grant. I think it is important for the Leagues in his district to be fully informed about these differences. Which factors are really important to D.C.? What arguments can be used to counter his objections?

Our 2nd District Leagues realize that they can be of help, and I think they would like to. Let us know what we can do.

Sincerely

Liz Ebbott, National Action Chrm.

Mrs. Sue (Kennis) Potter
420 Grove St.
Hutchinson, Minn. 55350



Mrs. Ralph A. Ebbott
409 Birchwood Ave
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110

Shirley

941-4720

Oct. 4, 1941

420 Grove

Hutchinson, Minn.
55355

Liz,

I just received a call from Ancher Nelson's Washington office which served to remind me that I'm overdue in passing information on to you.

Senator Nelson was about to leave for Mpls. on the 28th of August when you and I spoke on the phone. I was able to talk with him only a few minutes but did get to communicate to him our interest in D.C. and concern for their plight. We discussed Mr. Fauntroy briefly and he indicated that he and Mr. Fauntroy are "getting along smoothly" (my quote) — they're able to work together.

Mr. Nelson said that there has been a push for the city

to take over police and fire depts.
however, he feels that Washington
being our federal state and in
view of the problems that can
arise from this (perhaps mass demonstrations[?] etc.)
~~the~~ ^{these depts.} should remain federal.

In your letter of May 9, '71 you
felt that Rep. Nelson wished to wait
until the Commission study was in
progress to decide how home rule
should be structured. From all
indications I would say you are
correct.

When I spoke to Anchor on the
28th, I asked that he please keep
us current on the developments and
this is what prompted today's phone
call from his office. The "Little Hoover"
Commission hearings are set to resume
in ^{early} Nov. and they will feed the
information to me as it goes along.
So - I shall in turn send it along
to you.

There will be three of us coming

to the U.S. Congress workshop on
Oct. 11 - shall see you then.

Thanks for sending the
expense voucher - most convenient -

Sue

The Honorable Ancher Nelsen
House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

JUN 2 1971

*Fig - I sent
original copy to
Washington.*
MAY 14 1971

Dear Congressman Nelsen

As the new second district coordinator for the League of Women voters of Minn. I have been ask by national office to write to you~~r~~ and ask some questions concerning your views on welfare reform. If you would answer these as soon as possible and return them to me as soon as possible it would be deeply appreciated.

1. Federal legislation should guarantee that no person receive less assistance than presently -----yes () no (☒).
2. Federal government should assume most welfare costs :now yes() no(☒)
by stages yes()no(☒)
3. State supplementation:a. should be mandatory to present level yes-no.
b. should be voluntary and matched yes(☒) no ()
federally.
c. should be matched federally in
either case yes (☒) no()
4. Benefit levels: a. \$2400 is an adequate beginning yes (☒) no ()
b. should begin at poverty level yes () no (☒)
c. should provide cost of living
increases yes (☒) No ()
5. The tentative committee bill: a. is good yes (☒) no ()
b. is all congress
will accept yes (☒) no ()
c. would pass with a
few changes yes (☒) No ()
for example; _____

Note: add other comments below. (The bill has been reported out of the House Ways and Means Committee, but has not been considered on the Floor of the House. The full text of the Committee report is not yet available.)

Thanks for your interest.

Thank you
sincerely yours,

*Mrs. George Bender Jr.
alpha, minn 56111*

March 3.

Dear Liz,

Sorry I haven't responded earlier but just returned from two week vacation with my family in Calif.

As you urged in your recent memo I am responding a yes to your 2nd District Coordinator. Hopefully you will send me some more information on said job.

I will try my best to fulfill this position as it should be.

Sincerely Yours

Jean Benda
Alpha, Minn
56111

LWV of Minn., 555 Wabasha St., St. Paul, Minn.
55102

The LWV of _____
responded to the Time for Action on _____
in the following manner:

The LWV of _____ did not
respond to the Time for Action on _____
because:

Please return to: Mrs. George Benda, Jr.
RR #1
Alpha, Minn. 56111

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TO:

2nd District Presidents

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

555 WABASHA

FROM:

Liz Ebbott, National Action Chairman

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102

PHONE: 224-5445

SUBJECT

2nd District Coordinator

DATE

3-10-71

Mrs. David Bailey, 2nd District Coordinator is unable to continue in this position. We are sorry to lose her. We do have a replacement within the Jackson League -

Mrs. George Benda, Jr.

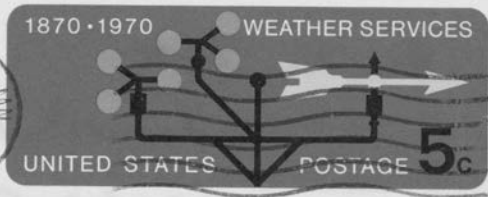
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Alpha, Mn. 56111

Response to Time for Action cards for Mrs. Benda are enclosed. Please discard all previous ones.

Chaska
Hutchinson
Jackson
Mankato
New Ulm

Rock County
St. Peter
Wells
Worthington



Mrs Ralph Abbott
409 Birchwood
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110

Dear Mrs. Abbott,

The Second District interview with Ancher Nelsen will be held Friday, Jan 15 at 2:00 at the First National Bank in Jackson. I'm sure Mrs. Kristson would appreciate a summary if you could get it to her on time. I, unfortunately, can't come, but I invited Second District Leagues.

Sally Bailey

Dec 28

Dear Mrs Abbott,

Could you take care of the enclosed bill for me? I had understood that my Time for Action mailing was to be free on my part, and I thought I had this taken care of with National before.

Mrs. Kristrom of Jackson League said they would be happy to interview Ancher Nelson, but that she'd like to wait until January to do it. She doesn't really know what to do, though, so maybe between you and me, we can help her. I told her she could have the meeting almost any convenient time and to let me know when she sets it up and I could let

my other Leagues know (and you). I'll write her and give her more detail.

As I said on the phone, I'd like to give up this position, if I could. Thanks for all your help.

Sincerely yours,
Sally Bailey

FEB 18 1971

Responses to National Times for Action
by Second District Leagues:

Greater Mankato:

Opposing Stennis Amendment - letters to
Chairmen Yarborough and Perkins.

Worthington:

Letter urging passage of Equal Employment
Opportunity Act

Trade Act - urged that bill not be
passed or used as a rider.

St Peter:

Letter to Sen. Mc Kee regarding appropriations
for Foreign Economic Assistance Programs.
Letter to Ancker Nelson opposing Trade
Act.

(over)

That is all the action for the year from
the second district.

Also, I would like to be reimbursed
for the year's expenses - \$6.85.

Sally Bailey
Uhlen/Hall, H. A. C.
St Peter, Munn
Second Dist Action
Coordinator 1970

409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110
January 17, 1970

Mrs. Wes Wistrom
103 Sverdrup Avenue
Jackson, Minn. 55350

Dear Jean,

It was a very effective session you people arranged with Congressman Nelsen. I think he was pleased that you led him into areas where he has done a lot of work. In turn, I think his explanation of the problems of the District of Columbia was educational to the audience. It was very nice meeting you and seeing a little of Jackson. I'll be looking forward to getting the summary of the interview - and also I'd be curious to read the newspaper write-up, if it's convenient to send it along.

The enclosed sheet is an outline of procedures for action for Leagues. The coordinator comes into it by being notified by her Leagues that they have taken action. It is supposed to be done within a week of receiving a National League Time for Action mailing. (The Leagues can either send a carbon of their letter or a card that we have given them.) If the coordinator does not hear, she should get in touch with the League (in your district probably by letter) and urge them to respond.

The coordinator also should do what she can to become informed about the Congressman - his committees, his activities, his votes, etc. and use this knowledge in encouraging her Leagues to tailor their letters to be more meaningful. The state League will help a lot with this in getting out voting records, passing on items from the Congressional Record, etc. The State League will supply a subscription to the Time for Action mailing and will reimburse any expenses - postage, car mileage, phone calls, etc.

The other part of the job is the yearly interview, summarizing it, which we in turn will get out to the district Leagues. This part of the job you are now going through. We notify the Leagues and set the new coordinator up in business.

So this is what being a coordinator is all about. I hope Jean or some one else from your League will be interested in taking the responsibility. Thanks for any help you can give.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mrs. Stinson
103 Sverdrup
Jackson, Minn. 56143



Mrs. Ralph Ebbatt
409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn.
55110

January 27, 1971

Dear Mrs. Ebbatt

Sorry it took me so long to get this summary ready.

Feel free to leave out things or rephrase what I've written. My tape ran out and the recorders were tired when he ended briefly with comments on The Crime Bill and The Drug Bill.

You should be hearing from Joan Benda soon in regard to being a coordinator. She's considering it, but she's a busy gal. If she can't, we'll suggest it to someone else.

Thank you for coming
to our interview.

Sincerely,
Jean Distrow

January 1970

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION OF LEAGUE INTEREST

91st Congress - 1st Session - 1969

ANCHER NELSEN, Congressman 2nd District, Minnesota (Republican)

Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, #3 Republican

Public Health and Welfare Subcommittee (public health, mental health, food and drugs, hospital construction, air pollution)

District of Columbia, Ranking Republican

Y NElectoral Reform

- X 1. Objection to counting the vote cast by Dr. Bailey for Wallace - defeated.
- X 2. District plan - defeated.
- X 3. Direct election - passed.

Human ResourcesEducation

- X 1. Green-Quie substitute of block grant to states for certain National Defense Education Act and ESEA programs - passed.
- X -- Passage.
- X 2. To increase education funds by \$900 million over committee's funds - passed.
- X -- To forbid student loans to protestors.
- X -- Passage Dept. HEW and Labor Appropriation.
- X -- Supporting the Whitten Amendment (funds can't be used to force busing, to force attending a particular school against the choice of parents) - defeated.

Economic Opportunity Act

- X 2. Ayres-Quie-Green substitute to allow states to take over many of the functions of the regional offices of OEO under federal guidelines - defeated.
- X -- Vote on authorization - passed.
- X -- Vote on conference report - passed.

Housing - funding HUD - passed.Indians - establishing and funding National Council on Indian Opportunity.Anti-discrimination Activity

- X 2. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 1970 appropriations - passed.
- X 3. Support of the Philadelphia Plan - voluntary goals for hiring minority construction workers - passed.
- X 4. Voting Rights Act substitute - passed.
- X -- Passage.
- 5. Co-author of a bill to extend health services to migrant workers.

Foreign Policy

- X 2. International Development Association replenishment; to recommit - defeated.
- NV -- International Development Association replenishment; to pass.
- X 3. \$54 million for planes for Taiwan - passed.
- X -- To cut \$50 million per year, Development Loan Fund - passed.
- X -- Passage Foreign Assistance Act authorization.
- X -- Passage Foreign Assistance Act authorization, conference report.
- X 4. \$50 million in military aid for South Korea - passed.
- X -- Passage Foreign Assistance Act appropriation.
- X -- To agree with the Senate, no military aid for Taiwan - defeated.
- X -- Passage of conference report.
- X 6. Extension of the existing Export Control Act - passed.
- X -- Conference report accepting the Senate's less restricted version - defeated.
- 7. Trade restrictions, authored bill on mink quotas.

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- Authored bill on agricultural tariff hearing procedure.
- Authored bill on poultry laying cages duty.
- Supports import quotas on shoes.
- X 8. Peace Corps, to recommit to cut \$11 million - defeated.
- X -- Peace Corps, to pass.
- X 9. Vietnam Resolution supporting the President, vote on closed rule allowing very limited debate - passed.
- X -- Vote on Vietnam Resolution - passed.

Water

- X 1. Public Works Appropriation Bill, including \$600 million for waste treatment grants - passed.
- 6. Author, to create a House Standing Committee on Environment to bring together into one committee the processing of all legislation dealing with the environment.

District of Columbia

- 1. Chief author (administration bill), to have an elected, non-voting D.C. delegate in the House until a constitutional amendment is passed.
- 2. Chief author (administration bill), to establish a Commission on Government for D.C.
- 3. Author, constitutional amendment for D.C. voting representation in the House.
- 4. Author, to establish a Little Hoover Commission on operation and organization of D.C. government, to report back in 18 months.
- 5. Floor manager for D.C. Revenue Bill.

Miscellaneous

- 1. Member of conference committee for Clear Air Act.
- 2. Authored amendment to limit farm subsidy payments on a sliding scale - defeated.
- X 3. Agricultural bill, to limit farm payments to \$20,000.
- X 4. Agricultural bill, conference version (payment limit deleted) - passed.
- 5. Authored bill creating Countryside Development Commission.

March 1970

LEAGUE INTERVIEW WITH ANCHER NELSEN, CONGRESSMAN 2ND DISTRICT, MINNESOTA, (REPUBLICAN)
(The interview is reported as direct quotation, somewhat abridged)

Electoral Reform

I don't think that the direct vote is quite it. I'd like to see the electoral college revised so that a state's electoral votes would be divided in the same proportion as the vote for the candidate. It would not be a lopsided affair for each state. I do think that some function on the part of political parties is important - not just a popular vote. There is a middle road. This is the Karl Mundt theory, and I think it really has merit. It amounts to the district plan.

I think everybody recognizes that there must be some change because look what could very easily have happened in the last election with Wallace. It could very easily have been a situation where he would have become President. This could happen and it mustn't happen.

Human Resources - Job Training

There is a labor subsidy program and a training subsidy program that are presently in effect, but the country is so badly in need of actual job training, vocational education. Industry is just crying for craftsmen.

education
Vocational/has been something that's been downgraded a bit. There is a feeling like this dumb kid can't go to liberal arts college so we'll send him to vocational school. It's kind of looked down on as next best. Actually, the skilled workman now is paid better than many, many white-collar kids. And what's wrong with being a good bricklayer or a good auto mechanic or what-have-you. As a result of that feeling, I was the author of the first public-supported liberal arts college in our nation's history and the first vocational school in the District of Columbia. They have about 1300 full-time enrolled students and about 3500 that are getting part-time training in one capacity or another. Everyone of those kids is going to have a job when he gets through - everyone of them. And it's humming along - no picketing, no rioting - everybody that's there knows why he's there. They pick their subjects that they want to train in. Industry has an advisory group that works with the school to advise the school what they need in the way of manpower. The whole emphasis is on meeting the needs and filling jobs. These people's pride is restored. They have their income and their families and this is going to solve much of the crime in the District of Columbia.

Foreign Policy - Foreign Aid

The rehabilitation of economies and to build the abilities of underdeveloped countries to stand on their own feet is certainly a laudable achievement. The foreign aid program has been scaled down a great deal, and I think this is alright. We find that sometimes being too lavish in our attention to other peoples and other countries they become accustomed to just leaning on us and not developing their own resources and their own abilities. I think the cutback is a necessary move for the United States. I've only voted against foreign aid once. . . . I guess if it had taken my vote to pass it, I would have voted for it, but I thought a little warning is necessary to indicate that we need to back down a bit. Our fiscal policies are in a pretty shabby state of affairs right now.

I don't think that we can put any specific dollar figure such as 1% of GNP on foreign aid. We should examine the needs and then move in the direction of meeting the needs within our means. We've carried a tremendous load all over the world and I expect we will continue to do it.

I think population growth is something that's got to be considered. I think that you'll see more emphasis moving in that direction than has been true in the past. We could really run into catastrophic problems all over the world.

Water - Environment

The one billion dollar figure for sewage treatment funds was a political one. It was 240 million to start with, then it was raised to 400 million, then it was raised to 600 million, feeling that this was totally adequate. And then it came on the floor. There was this amendment to make it a billion. This always happens. We have those who say that if 300 million is good, 600 is twice as good, and so forth.

The allocation of funds is on a formula basis and on a basis of 600 million, Minnesota is funded at 104%. The thing that is more important than the billion dollars is the fact that under the formula basis many times funds that are appropriated are not used because the matching has not taken place. The money is appropriated, and it's tied up, and it's doing nothing. Actually, the billion dollar appropriation is a disservice to the program itself because you're tying up dollars that cannot be used unless the formula is changed. There are proposals to change the formula so that the unused dollars can be put to use and stimulate greater activity on the part of the total program.

The effort to increase the funds to a billion dollars does indicate great public interest so it wasn't totally a loss. Pollution has become something of concern, and it's great that it is - not only water but air. It's really a very, very important thing and must be given very extreme attention. Air pollution is in my committee, Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Water is in the Public Works Committee. John Blatnik and I each hold a key role.

Corps of Engineers, Blue Earth River Dam: The Corps of Engineers did a remarkable job of flood control for us. This is the first time there has ever been levees built prior to a flood. Usually they come in there after the damage has been done. Last year, for the first time, we were able to get pre-disaster attention to the problem. I'm concerned a little right now about putting in the high dam on the Blue Earth River. I just have the feeling that there are other areas that are less devastating to people than this. It will take about 30,000 acres of the finest agricultural land in the country and will put Garden City under 30 or 20 feet of water. It'll take the entire tax base for a school district, and it just scares me.

The Corps of Engineers came up with the idea. They're going to have public hearings and the governor will be consulted. If he does not give it his blessing, it'll never go anywhere. It may go to the Public Works Committee, and they'll have a chance to appear there. I can just imagine what the Public Works Committee will do when a flood of farmers comes to town with a situation like that. They'll look pretty carefully at it. Yet it's a tough one. This flood business at Mankato is always a headache because no matter what you do it isn't enough.

In 1958, we passed the big flood control bill dealing with Mankato and South St. Paul and the whole deal was involved in this particular bill. Then the new highway was built through Mankato. They went in with dredges and took deposits out of the river to build the grade for the highway. The assumption was that the channel had the capacity to handle the water and the new highway would act as a levee. But it didn't turn out to be adequate, and then came the devastation of the flood.

My feeling is that we need to take a look at the Minnesota River way back at the headwaters and have control features all the way back because of siltation. This is the dirtiest river. The Missouri used to be number one and the Minnesota number two. Now Minnesota's number one. The silt is filling up the channel itself. There's got to be something done way back or our river is going to up higher than the farmland around it if we aren't careful.

D.C.

I serve on the District of Columbia Committee where I'm the ranking member on the Republican side. I sit in the middle negotiating between the liberal Democrats and Republicans. We have the ultra-conservative Southern Democrats - MacMillan, Abernathy, Dowdy. I sit with the votes to swing it any way that I might want to do it, and I've been very successful at it.

My program is to give D.C. a non-voting delegate immediately, which we can do by legislative act and to give them a representative in the Congress, which we can do by constitutional amendment. This, I think, is absolutely a must. There are also areas where I think the local people must move and should be permitted to move, and I think my ideas are practical; I think they're saleable.

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March 1970

LEAGUE INTERVIEW WITH ANCHER NELSEN, CONGRESSMAN 2ND DISTRICT, MINNESOTA, (REPUBLICAN)
(The interview is reported as direct quotation, somewhat abridged)

Electoral Reform

I don't think that the direct vote is quite it. I'd like to see the electoral college revised so that a state's electoral votes would be divided in the same proportion as the vote for the candidate. It would not be a lopsided affair for each state. I do think that some function on the part of political parties is important - not just a popular vote. There is a middle road. This is the Karl Mundt theory, and I think it really has merit. It amounts to the district plan.

I think everybody recognizes that there must be some change because look what could very easily have happened in the last election with Wallace. It could very easily have been a situation where he would have become President. This could happen and it mustn't happen.

Human Resources - Job Training

There is a labor subsidy program and a training subsidy program that are presently in effect, but the country is so badly in need of actual job training, vocational education. Industry is just crying for craftsmen.
education

Vocational/has been something that's been downgraded a bit. There is a feeling like this dumb kid can't go to liberal arts college so we'll send him to vocational school. It's kind of looked down on as next best. Actually, the skilled workman now is paid better than many, many white-collar kids. And what's wrong with being a good bricklayer or a good auto mechanic or what-have-you. As a result of that feeling, I was the author of the first public-supported liberal arts college in our nation's history and the first vocational school in the District of Columbia. They have about 1300 full-time enrolled students and about 3500 that are getting part-time training in one capacity or another. Everyone of those kids is going to have a job when he gets through - everyone of them. And it's humming along - no picketing, no rioting - everybody that's there knows why he's there. They pick their subjects that they want to train in. Industry has an advisory group that works with the school to advise the school what they need in the way of manpower. The whole emphasis is on meeting the needs and filling jobs. These people's pride is restored. They have their income and their families and this is going to solve much of the crime in the District of Columbia.

Foreign Policy - Foreign Aid

The rehabilitation of economies and to build the abilities of underdeveloped countries to stand on their own feet is certainly a laudable achievement. The foreign aid program has been scaled down a great deal, and I think this is alright. We find that sometimes being too lavish in our attention to other peoples and other countries they become accustomed to just leaning on us and not developing their own resources and their own abilities. I think the cutback is a necessary move for the United States. I've only voted against foreign aid once. . . . I guess if it had taken my vote to pass it, I would have voted for it, but I thought a little warning is necessary to indicate that we need to back down a bit. Our fiscal policies are in a pretty shabby state of affairs right now.

I don't think that we can put any specific dollar figure such as 1% of GNP on foreign aid. We should examine the needs and then move in the direction of meeting the needs within our means. We've carried a tremendous load all over the world and I expect we will continue to do it.

I think population growth is something that's got to be considered. I think that you'll see more emphasis moving in that direction than has been true in the past. We could really run into catastrophic problems all over the world.

Water - Environment

The one billion dollar figure for sewage treatment funds was a political one. It was 240 million to start with, then it was raised to 400 million, then it was raised to 600 million, feeling that this was totally adequate. And then it came on the floor. There was this amendment to make it a billion. This always happens. We have those who say that if 300 million is good, 600 is twice as good, and so forth.

The allocation of funds is on a formula basis and on a basis of 600 million, Minnesota is funded at 104%. The thing that is more important than the billion dollars is the fact that under the formula basis many times funds that are appropriated are not used because the matching has not taken place. The money is appropriated, and it's tied up, and it's doing nothing. Actually, the billion dollar appropriation is a disservice to the program itself because you're tying up dollars that cannot be used unless the formula is changed. There are proposals to change the formula so that the unused dollars can be put to use and stimulate greater activity on the part of the total program.

The effort to increase the funds to a billion dollars does indicate great public interest so it wasn't totally a loss. Pollution has become something of concern, and it's great that it is - not only water but air. It's really a very, very important thing and must be given very extreme attention. Air pollution is in my committee, Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Water is in the Public Works Committee. John Blatnik and I each hold a key role.

Corps of Engineers, Blue Earth River Dam: The Corps of Engineers did a remarkable job of flood control for us. This is the first time there has ever been levees built prior to a flood. Usually they come in there after the damage has been done. Last year, for the first time, we were able to get pre-disaster attention to the problem. I'm concerned a little right now about putting in the high dam on the Blue Earth River. I just have the feeling that there are other areas that are less devastating to people than this. It will take about 30,000 acres of the finest agricultural land in the country and will put Garden City under 30 or 20 feet of water. It'll take the entire tax base for a school district, and it just scares me.

The Corps of Engineers came up with the idea. They're going to have public hearings and the governor will be consulted. If he does not give it his blessing, it'll never go anywhere. It may go to the Public Works Committee, and they'll have a chance to appear there. I can just imagine what the Public Works Committee will do when a flood of farmers comes to town with a situation like that. They'll look pretty carefully at it. Yet it's a tough one. This flood business at Mankato is always a headache because no matter what you do it isn't enough.

In 1958, we passed the big flood control bill dealing with Mankato and South St. Paul and the whole deal was involved in this particular bill. Then the new highway was built through Mankato. They went in with dredges and took deposits out of the river to build the grade for the highway. The assumption was that the channel had the capacity to handle the water and the new highway would act as a levee. But it didn't turn out to be adequate, and then came the devastation of the flood.

My feeling is that we need to take a look at the Minnesota River way back at the headwaters and have control features all the way back because of siltation. This is the dirtiest river. The Missouri used to be number one and the Minnesota number two. Now Minnesota's number one. The silt is filling up the channel itself. There's got to be something done way back or our river is going to up higher than the farmland around it if we aren't careful.

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June 4, 1969

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409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
February 4, 1970

Mrs. David Bailey
Uhler Hall, Gustavus Adolphus Campus
St. Peter, Minn. 56082

Dear Sally;

Thanks for writing. To answer your questions:

1. The extra copies are for your use as you see fit. Your Leagues have received one set. (At least I think so.)
2. The state League subscribes and pays for the Time for Action service. Your name has been sent in, so you should get all the mailings as they come.
3. On Anchor Nelsen's interview, use your judgement. We will only use a summary of it, not the full transcript. You can make the summary or send along the full transcript. Would you send what-ever to me & I'll put it in the same form as the other interviews and then get our office make copies for you and your Leagues.
4. The State Board has asked Congressman Nelsen and Mr. Washington, Mayor of DC to appear at our State Council meeting, April 15, the kick-off date of the DC petition drive. Don't know yet if they will come. We have had a letter from the League in DC urging the 2nd District Leagues to work on Nelsen to get the non-voting House representative and the DC Commission bill out of the House DC Committee. We'll send this appeal out to the Leagues along with the copy of your interview.
5. On your yearly summary - all you can do is report the action your Leagues took...and maybe bug them more this year.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ralph Abbott

Wheeler Hall, H. A. C.
St. Peter, Minnesota
January 30, 1970

Dear Mrs. Coblatt,

I'm sorry I haven't been able to write to you before to let you know how my job as Time for Action Coordinator for the 2nd District is going, but now, since I have a few questions anyway, I'll just say that our Leagues in general don't seem to be interested in responding to National Times for Action, unfortunately. Frankly, this is somewhat disillusioning to me, but maybe things will improve.

Questions for you. First, I received six copies each of "congressional action of League interest of Senators McCarthy and Mondale", six of "summary of action of special interest to League, and ~~action~~^{six} of "action by Rep. Nelson. Are these to be sent to each of the Leagues in my district? If so, I'll need enough to make nine (does Chacker get these, too?). Second, do I have to subscribe to Time for Action service myself.

was this done for me automatically by State League? Third,
our interview with Ancker Nelson, which was done, as
you know, on the spur of the moment, has been transcribed
from a tape recording. Should I try to summarize this,
or should I send it as is to State?

I hope to hear from you soon, and I thank
you ahead of time for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Wes David Bailey,
2nd District Coordinator

KATO VOTER

April 1.969

League work and study will finally begin to be rewarding if some of the bills mentioned pass.

Keep up the good work! I hope your enthusiasm continues and that your membership this year will go well over the 100 mark.

To say that I miss LWV is to put it mildly, but more than that, I do miss the many friends I had thru League and the very stimulating discussions which often led to action.

Congratulations to the new officers and Board.

Sincerely,

Beth Haugen
9310 LaColonia Ave.
Fountain Valley
California 92708

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Mrs. David Bailey
Uhler Hall
Gustavus Adolphus Campus
St. Peter, Minnesota 56082

April 1, 1969

Dear Sally:

Thanks so much for taking on the job of Congressional Action Coordinator for the 2nd District. We were pleased to hear from Shirley that you had accepted; we know you will do a good job.

The most important reason for having a coordinator is to get the League in the habit of responding to National Times for Action. To accomplish this, we have asked the Leagues to make an official reply within 5 days of receiving a Time for Action mailing. At this time they are to either send you a carbon of their letter or send you a reply card we have provided. You should hear from your Leagues within a week. If you don't hear, you should contact them, reminding and encouraging them to take action. We have subscribed to national Time for Action mailing for you.

Another part of the job is to encourage Leaguers to get acquainted with their Congressman, to know his position on League issues and to use this knowledge to be more effective in writing him. At the state level, we are keeping track of voting records, bills introduced, etc., and this will be sent out from time to time. (One such sheet covering the 1968 session is enclosed. If you would like to do your own research, you could ask your Congressman on behalf of the Leagues of your district to be put on the Congressional Record mailing list.

National League asks us to have an official League interview with our Congressmen and Senators every year before the beginning of the session. This has already been done with Representative Nelsen this year. A copy of the interview summary is enclosed.

To get things started:

1. Your Leagues and their contact people are:

Hutchinson

Mrs. Duane Thovson
45--11th Avenue, N.E.
Hutchinson 55350

879-6945

Mrs Bailey
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Chaska	Mrs. Julius Smith 1345 Prairie Chaska 55318	448-2573
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New Ulm	Mrs. Noah Rosenblum 128 Camelsback Road New Ulm 56073	
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Worthington	Mrs. Gary Crippen 1303 Smith Worthington 56187	376-3647

These are the current presidents. Within the next month there will be many new presidents. I'll up-date you when we get the changes.

I will be writing these Leagues giving them your name, reviewing the Time for Action procedure and sending them a supply of cards.

2. I have written National to put you on the Time for Action mailing list. It may take them a long time to change their records, but eventually the mailing will come.

Mrs. Bailey
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3. Enclosed are:

- a. Voting record sheets on Nelsen, Mondale and McCarthy.
- b. Background sheets on Nelsen, Mondale and McCarthy.
- c. Copy of summary of interview with Nelsen and Mondale.
- d. Procedure sheet for Time for Action.
- e. Expense vouchers.

Feel free to bring up any questions or problems that arise. Best of luck and many thanks for taking on the job.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman
409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110

409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
September 30, 1967

Mrs. Lowell Haugen
28 Pilot Court
Southview II
Mankato, Minn. 56001

Dear Beth,

We were very pleased to hear via Arlene Brown that you would accept the job of 2nd District Congressional Coordinator. It was only later that we realized that you accepted without having received the letter explaining the job. Many thanks for taking it on.

At this time (as soon as the office can get to it) we were making contact with your 8 Leagues in the 2nd District:

Hutchinson	Mrs. Duane Thovson 45 11th Ave. NE Hutchinson, Minn. 55350	<u>Gail</u> 879-6945
<i>Chaska</i>		
Jackson	Mrs. Byron Lesch Ashley Hotel Jackson, Minn. 55987	847-4110
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New Ulm	Mrs. Robert Hagg 31 Circuit Drive New Ulm, Minn 56073	354-6703
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Unless you hear differently from them, your contacts will be these presidents. We are sending them a procedure sheet (enclosed), brief fact sheets about Minnesota's two Senators (to be mailed to you from the League office along with the copy of

copy of their letter), and some Time for Action response. These you should be getting from your Leagues as they respo.

The Coordinator's job will have three parts. Most important is to get the Leagues in the habit of responding to Times for Action. You are supposed to hear from all 7 Leagues within a week of the time you receive your mailing from national. (We are getting you a national Time for Action subscription service.) If you don't hear from the local Leagues, you will have to use your judgement on what to do about it. If the issue isn't already settled in Congress, a prodding note is probably best. We can't afford phone calls unless there is a real urgency. Our goal is to get the minimum of an official League letter from each League in the State on the Times for Action.

The job of summarizing League activity from time to time and letting everyone know will depend on how much the Leagues do and how good they are about letting you know. The third part of your job is to help them share information about Representative Nelsen. We have worked up basic information sheets about Mondale and McCarthy (which the office will send out to you). It would probably be useful to have the same sort of thing for Nelsen. You can get much of this by writing his office to get his address, biography, current committees, legislation he has introduced, etc. When you get this information, if you send it on to me I can put it with a copy of an interview we have on file & have the office type it all up and send back out. Incidentally, the state will reimburse you for expenses for postage, etc. The office will be sending you some expense voucher sheets.

If as you get into this job you can suggest any way we can be more effective, please let us know. It maybe that setting up a meeting with your Leagues might be a good idea. We would be happy to participate in that. Encouraging your Leagues to meet with ~~Walsby~~; setting up interviews with Nelsen, yourself and the national action contact person from your Leagues; etc. are further possibilities you might want to look into.

Please keep us informed and feel free to bring up any problems that arise. Best of luck and many thanks.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chrm

To the Leagues of the 2nd Congressional District:

The League of Women Voters of the District of Columbia has asked help on three bills.

1. A Constitutional amendment which gives DC one elected voting member of the House and authorizes Congress to vote additional representatives based on population and up to two senators at a future time.
2. ~~Abolish~~ Give DC a non-voting House delegate until the amendment can be ratified.
3. Legislation which will create a commission on self-government. This commission, partially elected, would be responsible for reporting back to Congress a proposal for self-government.

These proposals, long urged by the League, were contained in a message to Congress by President Nixon, April 28. (enclosed). Because Congressman Nelsen is the leading Republican on the House D.C. committee, his role in the outcome of these proposals will be crucial. (These bills are still in committee.) The issues are:

1. Constitutional Amendment

This bill will be handled by the Judiciary Committee so that Mr. Nelsen's role will not be so direct. The League favors the administration's proposal (same as HJ Res. 180, Celler-N.Y. chief author.) This amendment will give DC at least one House representative and make it possible for Congress to add additional representatives and Senators at a later date.

Congressman Nelsen has authored a proposal ~~giving~~ ^{for} ~~which~~ only one voting representative (HJ Res. 293). This would not allow the flexibility of increased representation. ~~xxxxxx~~ The League opposes this type of proposal. In recent talks with the League, Mr. Nelsen has indicated he will support the Administration's proposal.

2. Non-voting House delegate.

This and self-government legislation must come through the D.C. Committee. It will be difficult for these bills to get out of committee. They will have to be passed out over the opposition of the chairman. It will require the combined effort of the liberal Democrats and the Republicans. Because of Congressman Nelsen's ^{position} ~~great influence on the Republican members of the committee~~, it is important that he be ~~xxxxxx~~ encouraged to urge support of this bill and the self-government bill by the other Republicans on the committee. ~~xxxxxx~~

Mr. Nelsen is the author of this bill (HR 11216). It is the Administration's proposal. The non-voting delegate, similar to current provision for Puerto Rico, would serve only until ratification of a Constitutional Amendment giving voting representation.

3. Commission to make recommendations on self-government.

This proposal of Mr. Nixon is ~~xxx~~ authored by Mr. Nelsen (HR 11215). It is supported by the 11 Republicans on the committee and 6 of the 16 Democrats. The legislation sets up a commission made up of 4 elected members, 2 from the House, 2 Senators, and 5 Presidential appointees. The Mayor and City Council Chairman will be ex-officio members. The duties of the Commission are broad, ~~but~~ they are to report back to Congress proposals for a "greater measure of self-government than presently exists." The League would have preferred stronger direction such as ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{giving} ~~the~~ ^{having} the commission ~~the power to~~ charged with writing a charter. The bill was drawn up in these broad terms to get backing from all Republican committee members. This bill

is a step toward home rule. The commission could write a charter
LEAGUE. OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455

to help publicize these issues concerning the District of
Columbia, that League has prepared bumper stickers and labels
that can be put on envelopes. If you think they can be of help,
An order blank is enclosed.

Alert your members and your communities about these bills
which mean so much to the people of ~~xxx~~ the District. Write to
Congressman Nelson letting him know that his district shares his
interest in D.C. President Nixon has proposed all of these bills.
Congressman Nelson has authored two of them and will support the
third. If he uses his influence within the D.C. Committee, these
bills can have a good chance of passage.



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She (or a substitute)

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March 15, 1969

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
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White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110

Dear Mrs. Ebbott:

My most sincere apologies for this very tardy reply to your letter concerning the League coordinator.

I was off leading a tour to Hawaii at the time you wrote and am now in the midst of selling another tour to Spain-Portugal, so my days are very full. These tours and the work at the library, radio station, and for our local paper keep me so busy that I couldn't possibly take on a League job at this time. I'm having a difficult enough time trying to get our the bulletin for our local League these days.

Good luck with your project. When life simmers down a bit for me I hope to be able to devote more time to the League again.

Sincerely yours,


Mrs. Ray Lowry, Jr.



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February 18, 1969

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St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Mrs. Ebbott:

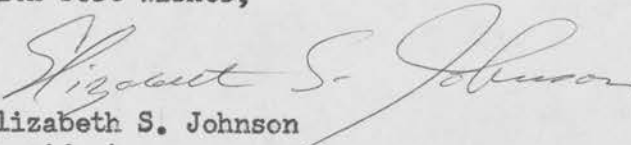
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We will post you on developments.

With best wishes,


Elizabeth S. Johnson
President

cc: Mrs. William Hamm - LWVUS

February 18, 1969

Mrs. Ralph Abbott
Congressional Action Coordinator
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
555 Wabash Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

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Elisabeth S. Johnson
President

cc: Mrs. William Hahn - LWVUS
Mrs. Robert Fleming
Mrs. Craig Bamberger

Fraser, Nelsen Work as Team

By **RICHARD P. KLEEMAN**

Minneapolis Tribune
Staff Correspondent

a doubling of court and prosecution staffs in general and juvenile courts. He clearly favored some revision of a

er doctrinaire liberal positions, they have learned, he said, to "focus on some things within reach."

President Nixon recently reappointed Washington's Negro mayor, Walter Washington, a Democrat whom

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TO: Liz Ebbott

FROM: State Office - Mildred

SUBJECT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

555 WABASHA

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101

PHONE: 224-5445

DATE

2-4-69

President - District of Columbia LWV

Miss Elizabeth S. Johnson
1346 Connecticut Avenue N W
Room 370
Washington, D. C. 20036

409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
January 30, 1969

Mrs. R.W. Lowry Jr.
South Shore Drive,
Worthington, Minnesota 56187

Dear Mrs. Lowry;

Mary Ann Weigenant has suggested that I write you. The State Board is looking for some Leaguer in the 2nd Congressional District who would be willing to help us with congressional time for action calls. As former president, we are sure you could do an excellent job, and Mary Ann felt that you might be interested.

We have a League coordinator in each of the 8 districts. (Beth Haugen of Mankato had been the one for the 2nd District but she has now left the state.) The coordinator receives the national Time for Action mailing. When a call for action comes, each League is expected to respond. We then ask each League to send a card to the coordinator telling her of what action they have taken. If the coordinator hasn't heard within a week or so, she should remind her Leagues.

The district coordinator also sets up the League interview with the congressman. For the 2nd District, we did have this interview already in Hutchinson and a summary will soon be out to the District's Leagues.

The coordinator can do a lot more in keeping her Leagues informed about the congressman, if she wished. At the state level we also keep track of voting record, etc. and make this information available, but we really need a League channel within the district. The job is not very burdensome and can be done from home. There are 8 Leagues to be kept track of in the district and usually there are some 6-8 Time for Action calls. We will set up the system, get out the cards, etc. and be ready to help in any way we can.

I do hope you can help us out. It is interesting and a good excuse to get acquainted with Congressman Nelson.

Sincerely yours,

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455

409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
November 13, 1968

Mrs. Harold Beyer
520 South Minnesota
St. Peter, Minnesota 56082

Dear Shirley;

The League coordinator for congressional action for the 2nd district, Mrs. Haugen, has moved out of the state and the Bankato League doesn't have anyone to take her place. We are trying to locate an interested Leaguer who would be willing to assume the responsibility. You have one of the strongest Leagues in the district, and we are hopeful that you might be able to find some one to take on the position.

We feel it is very important that we emphasize congressional action by having some one in the district take responsibility for it. The job itself is not too burdensome and is one that can be done from home. The coordinator is on the National Time for Action mailing list. She should receive the district's Leagues' Time for Action response cards within a week of the call. If she doesn't, she should drop a note, reminding them. This shouldn't be too big a job in the 2nd district as there are only 6 Leagues. The Time for Action calls come mainly between March and September with probably no more than six in all. At the state level, we will set up the system and will help keep you informed about your Congressman's activities. The other part of the job is that we would like to work through the coordinators in arranging an official League interview with the Congressman, preferably before the next session starts. For this reason, we are anxious to locate a coordinator as soon as possible.

I do hope your League can help us out. It is very interesting work and a good excuse to get well acquainted with Congressman Nelson. Please let us know right away if some one in your League can take this on. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

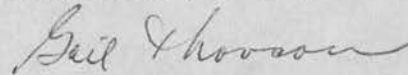
Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Coordinator



Mr. Nelsen appeared to the Hutchinson members to have a somewhat more liberal outlook on congressional matters than in the past.

Elizabeth: I am so sorry this had to arrive so late. I was home for the holidays and came back with the flu. So here I am trying my best to catch up with board meetings and all. I am so happy to have been able to assist. If you find a need to make any corrections in the interpretation of the interview, feel free to do so. Perhaps you even completed it yourself by now.

Respectfully yours,



Mrs. Duane Thovson
President

UN -
should change charter -
I know - I vote - don't see
how we can change

M E M
TO:
FROM:
SUBJECT

Vietnam -
To win over Goldwater - made
promise they couldn't keep - for
revolution to get back on track.

China -
Real problem to know what is
right - Be trade - Judd
says we shouldn't do anything
until they get near. Neighbor -
is difficult & don't let - hard to
see how he going to get near.

DATE

Water -
Granting interest up to attorney
"a Big idea" - to work committee
to get the work done now -

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455
PHONE: 373-2959

OED -

Thud 5 tent - Tomatoes good
for - to HEW.

Day care centers for AFDC -
didn't know.

Poor worst work - I don't know for
By pointing out good ones - only telling
one side - for work used for
political rewards not to help poor.

Election -

Proportional vote / 5 tent - 57-49%
bound on 5 tent electoral #s -
Mandates.

Trade -

Push bills to get on the
ground to get 5 tent expanded.

Liberalists lose an answer for
everything & then lose it then are
disappointed & do a disservice to
Country - - can't justify do it all.

M E M O

TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT

DATE

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455

PHONE: 373-2959

D.C. -

① Feeling they are getting a lot done - would pass out more but what's the point if they get no where.

② - Called by Nixon - Worthy for -
Soviet religious war -

③ - ~~Wants~~ Aggravated the same one
to go to or commit - wants in Congress -
now - votes 150 - M. G. killed it.

④ - Feels committee good - S. B. elections
went well - only 20% voted - afraid of
the radical block taking over -

9/2

Foreign Aid -

"Had both to be the one responsible
for killing it."

How to go through with their
crooks.

M E M O

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SUBJECT

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STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455
PHONE: 373-2959

DATE

Aggravation -

Errors some factor other
than population. Feels there
is justification in weighting
economic role

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
State Organization Service
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455
373 - 2959

LWV of MINNESOTA
Made by Lia Elliott
Date December 19, 1968

REPORT OF VISIT

Be sure to keep the Recognition Standards in mind when you evaluate a local League you are visiting. It will help to remind you in what areas the League needs help, and in what areas the League is doing well, and should share its success stories.

Type of Meeting & Number Present: Membership Board Special X 3
plus Mary Bush and myself - Rep. Anchor Nelson

Purpose of Visit: Congressional interview with Anchor Nelson

List Important Points of Discussion:

In a snowstorm, Mary Bush and I met with Ga'l Thoveen (Hutchinson president), Mrs. Tom Cone and another member to have the interview with Anchor Nelson. That went well. Mrs. Thoveen had it all well organized.

On leaving, in chatting it sounds like they have some pretty bad problems (we weren't really there in an advisory capacity). They mentioned that at one time they had only 10 members (they now have 20). They had only 5 on their Board and one - the state item chairman - they had to ask to leave because she wouldn't pay her dues. They now have 4, I guess.

The 50th anniversary drive sounds like a bit more than they can cope with. They thought it rather funny that they go out and get a 50th anniversary chairman. They did have a very good finance drive last year and now they are wondering how they go about collecting 125% of that this coming year. It seemed news to them that they were expected to do so well on their next finance drive that they would take in far more than the 125% and that the extra would go to national.

They could use some special attention and a soft shoulder.

Your Recommendations to the Local League:

Competent persons for future state committees and Board:

(Use other side if Nec.)

League of Women Voters
Hutchinson, Minn. 55350
Dec. 7, 1968

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Coordinator
409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110

Dear Elizabeth,

Thank you for the confidence you have expressed in our League and its ability to carry out effective Congressional interviews. At our last joint meeting there was marked interest in the possibility of holding such an interview for the benefit of our members.

Mr. Nelsen has been contacted by Ruth Prieve (long time member) and has accepted.

Date: December 19

Hour: 10 a.m.

Place: 1115 Jorgenson (Mrs. Tom Cone residence)

I will see to it that he has a copy of LWV National Agenda Items for his review before the scheduled meeting.

It would be very much appreciated if you could notify the other Leagues of this interview as we are a small group and too are terribly busy!

We are always happy to assist you and the state board in any way being we always receive such great cooperation from you when we are in need.

Best luck to you and us for a successful interview!

Thank you!

Respectfully yours,

Gail Thovson

Mrs. Duane Thovson
President

2nd

Nelson

✓ Hutchinson ✓ X

St. Peter ✓ X - Mrs. Jay Brown

✓ Markato ✓ X - indifferent.

✓ Jackson ✓ X - to state capital

? Worthington X

? Wells X - indifferent

? Laverne

✓ New Ulm. ✓ X -

Mrs. ~~Daphne~~ Thovson

~~Gail~~

45 ~~1st~~ Ave N.E.

~~Hutchinson, Minn.~~

Mrs. Lowell Hanger (Belt)

28 Pilot Court.

Soudviken II

Markato, Minn. 56001

Markato - Inne Towne -

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

CONGRESSMAN ANCHER NELSEN - Republican - Second Congressional District

Committees: House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce
House District of Columbia Committee

Congressional Activity - 1968

Key: X: for
O: against
NV: not voting

Human Resources -- Education, Employment, Housing, Civil Rights

1. Funds for Department of Labor, Health, Education and Welfare; Related Agencies:

- X To cut \$100 million from OEO (defeated 220-181)
- O Increase in teacher corps funds (passed 228-172)
- X To put a ceiling on expenditures (passed 275-126)

2. Conference Report, Supplemental Appropriation Bill:

- X To support conference version cutting Head Start from \$25 million to \$5 million (passed 265-106)

NV 3. Housing Bill

O 4. Conference Report, funds for Housing and Urban Development

5. Preventing discrimination in housing; Civil Rights Act - 1968:

- X To prevent the House version from going to conference with the Senate (passed 229-195)
- X To accept the Senate version (passed 250-171)

X 6. To establish a commission on Negro history

7. To prevent overriding the courts' decisions that "freedom of choice" tactics do not comply with school desegregation goals.

- O The vote was that no funds can be used to force busing, abolish schools, force attendance at any particular school against the choice of the parents. (defeated 175-167)

Water and Natural Resources:

- X 1. Water Pollution Control Act -- to accelerate construction of facilities, to control pollution from vessels over 45 feet, research and demonstration projects on oil discharge, acid mine waters, and lake pollution (passed 277-0).

2. Co-author of bill creating Voyageurs National Park

NV 3. Scenic Rivers Bill

Foreign Aid and Development:

- X 1. \$412 million subscription to the Inter-American Development Bank
- 2. Foreign Aid Authorization:
 - X To cut \$165 million from various sections (passed 268-150)
 - X Passage of the House version (passed 228-184)
 - X Conference report (196-150)
- X 3. Foreign Aid Appropriations (passed 173-139)

Other issues of interest:

Farm Legislation:

- X To put a \$20,000 ceiling on payments (passed)
- Authored amendment to limit payments (defeated)
- X Vote on the bill
- X Vote on the Conference report - deleting limit (189-172)

X School Lunch Bill

Food Stamp Bill:

- O To extend the program 4 years without dollar limit (passed)
- X Passage of the bill
- X Prohibiting strikers and students from participating (defeated 187-158)
- X Passage of Conference report
(LeSueur and Sibley Counties certified for food stamp program and awaiting funds. Brown and Waseca Counties requesting food stamp program.)

X Tax Increase

To allow televised debate among the presidential candidates:

- X To permit separate, equivalent appearances (defeated 204-112)
- O Passage of Bill

Bills introduced and other special activities:

Authored: Countryside Development Commission
Bill to aid kidney disease sufferers
Bill to aid veterans to take classes while farming
Bill to prohibit political influence in appointment of postmasters
Bill to catalog federal assistance programs
Bill to prevent deceptive packaging of non-dairy products resembling milk

Spoke against raising congressional retirement pay.

On D.C. school pay bill, said, "You cannot punish the schools for the problems of the city. To cure the problems you must start by improving the schools."

Taxation w/o Representa-
tion is Tyranny. Tell
your Congressman to
end it for Washington D. C.

CONGRESSMAN ANCHER NELSEN - Republican - 2nd District Representative

Washington Address:

1211 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Home Address:

Hutchinson, Minn.

Biography (from Minnesota's Legislative Manual, 1965-66)

Born in Renville County, October 11, 1904. Danish ancestry. Has operated 280 acre diversified farm in McLeod County since 1924. Has served on local township and school boards. Elected state Senator from McLeod County in 1935. Re-elected until retiring from the Senate in 1948. Elected Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota in 1952. Administrator of National Rural Electrification Program in Washington from 1953-1956. Elected to Congress from the 2nd District in 1958, re-elected 1960, 1962, 1964, 1966. Long active in 4-H work. Helped organize McLeod Power Association as an REA unit. Past President of the Minnesota Game Protective League. Served as chairman of the Republican State Central Committee in 1958. Member of Faith Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Minnesota. Married Ilo Zimmerman, Browntown, in 1929. Two sons: Richard and Bruce.

Current Committees:

House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce
House District of Columbia Committee

1967 legislative activity on items of League interest:

District of Columbia

Representative Nelsen authored the bill to permit popular election of the D.C. school board. He voted for it as it passed the House.

Authored a bill to permit a non-voting delegate in the House representing D.C. until a constitutional amendment can be passed. This bill has not cleared the D.C. Committee. The House Judiciary Committee approved a constitutional amendment giving D.C. 2 Senators and the number of Representatives they would have if they were a state. This bill did not reach the floor.

Voted against the reorganization of D.C. city government.

Economic Opportunity Act - Voted against the EOA conference report.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Voted to allot funds for Title III (innovative educational services) to the state rather than having them controlled by the US Office of Education.

Voted against the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Foreign Aid

Voted for increased aid to Latin America.

Voted against increased funds for the Inter-American Development Bank.

Voted against the foreign assistance act.

Voted against the foreign aid appropriations.

February 1968

REPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL INTERVIEW

January 23, 1968

Congressman Anchor Nelsen - District 2 - State of Minnesota - Republican Party
Committee Assignments - House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce; House
Committee on District of Columbia

Subjects discussed and views of Congressman on each: The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce is devoted to regulation of commerce and such as health, medicine, truth in packaging, etc., issues of broad concern. The committee has been working on the clean air bill, a comprehensive bill which includes mental health and mental retardation. health

Washington, D. C.

Primary discussion was Washington D. C. Mr. Nelsen is proud of his achievements on this committee and feels a responsibility toward our "Federal City". He admitted that D. C. has many problems of varying degrees, and that it should be the responsibility of Congress to see that our Federal City projects a better image to the nation and world than it does. The educational facilities of D. C. are inadequate in nearly all respects and he has authored a Liberal Arts College Bill and Vocational Education Bill. He was also instrumental in providing for an elected school board bill, which he admits still does not have the same amount of authority as the usual school board in that it still has no power to levy taxes. He feels, though, that an elected school board is a step in the right direction toward a modified form of home rule. The D. C. government should continue to be appointed at the top, but with the boards with routine functions elected - school board, planning commission etc. He noted that the District is governed by a strong mayor-commission form of government appointed by the President, and can be effective if the appointments are representative of the people. He said that the present mayor was someone whom he could work well with.

Representative Nelsen expressed concern that the bill providing Congressional representation for the District as it came out of judiciary committee is unrealistic in providing for two Senators and two Representatives. He is considering amending it to provide for one elected Representative when it is considered in the House, but unless the senators are removed, Representative Nelsen feels that the bill will be defeated. He argues that D.C. is not a state, that it doesn't have land on which to grow, and that it is actually declining in population.

Representative Nelsen feels strongly that there should be an elected Representative for the District, and has introduced a companion bill to provide for a non-voting representative in the House until such time as the amendment is ratified by the states. He is optimistic that this will pass.

O.E.O With respect to his negative vote on OEO, he only regreted the phasing out of a program in his district on mental retardation. He feels that OEO is not effective because there are too many incidents of mismanagement particularly in the larger cities, and said that the most successful program, Headstart, should go through HEW. He stated that there are laws now on the books which would enable

cities to fight poverty if they made use of them, but he didn't clarify. He feels the education program should be regulated by the states.

Foreign Aid and Trade He feels foreign aid is not wisely spent, and referred to it as another "give away" program (comparing it to OEO). The quota bills that have been introduced to restrict imports are partly to get the government to honor the restrictions that are now being ignored, according to Representative Nelsen. He implied that Congress' squawk is worse than its bite, and that many of the quota bills are not intended to pass.

ANCHER NELSEN
HUTCHINSON, MINNESOTA

2d DISTRICT COUNTIES:
BLUE EARTH
BROWN
CARVER
COTTONWOOD
FARIBAULT
JACKSON
LESUEUR
MCLEOD
MARTIN
MURRAY
NICOLLET
NOBLES
PIPESTONE
ROCK
SCOTT
SIBLEY
WASECA
WATONWAN

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

October 26, 1967

COMMITTEES:
INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE:
ROOM 1211
LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BLDG.
TELEPHONE: 225-2472

Mrs. O. J. Janski, President
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

Dear Mrs. Janski:


I have received your recent letter and must say I was very pleased to know of your interest in and support for the passage of H. J. Res. 396, the resolution which was recently reported out of the House Judiciary Committee to amend the Constitution so as to allow the residents of the District of Columbia to elect representation to the Congress.

Earlier in this session I introduced a companion bill to H. J. Res. 396 and when hearings were held on this proposition in the Judiciary Committee I made a personal appearance to testify in support of my bill, H. J. Res. 494 and Mr. Celler's bill, H. J. Res. 396. It has always been my contention that the citizens of the nation's capital should have representation here in the Congress.

You might be interested in knowing that I have also introduced H. R. 8301 to provide the District of Columbia with a non-voting delegate in the House of Representatives. The seating of a non-voting delegate in the House of Representatives does not require an amendment to the Constitution, and it is my feeling that the District could have this non-voting delegate representation during the time that it takes the states to ratify the amendment proposed in H. J. Res. 396.

You can count on my continued active interest in the government of our nation's capital city which after all belongs to all of us. In this respect you are to be complimented for your interest.

Sincerely yours,


Ancher Nelsen
Member of Congress

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ANCHER NELSEN
HUTCHINSON, MINNESOTA

2D DISTRICT COUNTIES:
BLUE EARTH MURRAY
BROWN NICOLLET
CARVER NOBLES
COTTONWOOD PIPESTONE
FARIBAULT ROCK
JACKSON SCOTT
LESUEUR SIBLEY
MCLEOD WASECA
MARTIN WATONWAN

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 10, 1968

COMMITTEES:
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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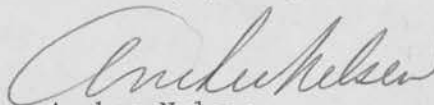
Dear Mrs. Ebbott:

Thank you for your letter of April 3 providing me with your helpful comments on certain provisions of the Tax Adjustment Act of 1968 as amended by the Senate.

At the present time H. R. 15414 is being considered in conference committee and it remains to be seen the extent to which Senate amendments to the bill will be acceptable to the House conferees. At this point I have no indication of when the conference committee will be making its report to the House of Representatives, but when this matter does come up I will certainly have your comments well in mind. I might point out that I am very aware of the importance of agricultural exports in our nation's foreign trade picture.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



Ancher Nelsen
Member of Congress

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409 Birchwood Ave.,
White Bear Lake, Minn 55110
December 2, 1968

Mrs. Duane Thovson
45 11th Ave. N.E.
Hutchinson, Minn. 55350

Dear Gail,

I didn't intend to bother you again with Congressional action, but we do have a special problem and you are about the only solution I can think of. Would you be willing to set up a League interview with Ancher Nelsen between now and January when the new session begins?

The 2nd District Coordinator, Mrs. Lowell Haugen, left the state suddenly. Mankato doesn't have a replacement. I've written St. Peter and I hope we can get a coordinator there, but it takes time. They haven't answered yet, and we should get the interview in during this month. You are familiar with the process. Mr. Nelsen lives in Hutchinson. So I turn to you.

I will give you all the help I can - contacting the other Leagues, attending myself, getting the interview sheet form to you, having the League office make copies of the interview report and sent them around to the other Leagues. But what I can't do is to be a resident of 2nd district and ask for an interview with my congressman. We will try to get other 2nd District Leagues to attend, but you will probably want some Hutchinson Leaguers to be involved. If possible, try to get the interview at least a week ahead of time.

You can reach me by mail at White Bear Lake or by phone - 612-426-3643. We'll reimburse any costs you have. We certainly appreciate any help you can give. Thanks.

Yours,

Elyse Ebbott

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Coordinator

Nelsen: Rioters Paint Unfair Picture of Negro

WORTHINGTON, Minn.
(UPI)—Rep. Ancher Nelsen,

the hinterlands and are largely without benefit of interracial friendships must not make the tragic mistake of judging a whole race by the stupidity and lawlessness of a few," Nelsen said. "I fear this is what may be happening."

Nelsen also expressed deep



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November 12, 1968

The Honorable Archer Nelsen
Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Nelsen,

On behalf of over 5,500 League of Women Voters members in Minnesota, I would like to congratulate you on your re-election to Congress. As you know, the League puts a great deal of effort into helping and informing the voter by arranging candidate meetings, distributing candidate questionnaires, helping with voter registrations, etc. Leagues in your district have no doubt performed some of these services.

We also concern ourselves with selected governmental issues. These are chosen by the members, studied, and if there is agreement, we take action by communicating our concern to our elected officials. We have been interested in your efforts to provide the District of Columbia with a government more responsive to the people. One big disappointment this past session was that the amendment to allow D.C. Congressional representation was never brought to the floor.

Our Leagues would like to get better acquainted with you and learn of your concerns and predictions about the up-coming 91st Congressional session. Our Congressional Action Coordinator for the second district, Mrs. Lowell Haugen, Mankato, Minnesota, will be getting in touch with your office soon. We hope that an interview can be arranged. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. O. J. Janski
President

9310 LaColonia Ave.
Fountain Valley, California 92708
November 12, 1968

League of Women Voters of
The State of Minnesota
555 Wabasha,
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Attention: Liz Ebbott

Dear Liz,

As you can tell by my address, this is a formal resignation
for my position as Second District Congressional Coordinator.

My plans were not formulated long enough in advance to
forewarn you, but now that the election is over I expect you'll
expect some action.

Sorry I couldn't have been more help while I was serving
in that capacity, and I wish you well in choosing a successor.

Sincerely,

Beth
Mrs. Lowell Haugen



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER MANKATO

Mankato, Minnesota 56001

September 5, 1968

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Chairman
LWV of Minnesota
409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110

Dear Liz,

I'm writing for state board approval for the Mankato LWV to invite the Second District Congressional candidates to appear on one of its live television programs which originate at KEYC.

Personal question - still up about
same format same questions
Not League!
We have considered using a different approach based on the refusals of Ancher Nelsen in the past to appear with any challenger; and this is to invite each of the candidates to appear on a separate program with the same number of minutes devoted to speaking to the same questions which would probably be based on LWV items such as Home Rule for Washington, D.C., Foreign Aid and Trade, Water Resources, and Human Resources. The same moderator would most likely be used for both candidates. (The programs are the 2nd & 4th Thurs. of the month this year.)

I know that we must clear with the television studio to see if this lets them off the hook for equal time in case Mr. Nelsen finds an excuse not to use our invitation; but what does the state board feel about letting the challenger use the time regardless of the response we get from Representative Nelsen?

definitely
Any suggestions from the state board would be welcome, and we would like to try this different approach if the board can anticipate the problems and provide some solutions. One question which pops into my mind presently is how to determine who speaks first--should the incumbent be given his choice?

Regarding my August correspondence to Second District Leagues concerning T for A, I've had only one very pleasant response. In yesterday's mail was another call to action so I'll be getting in touch with each league soon, one way or another.

Sincerely,

Beth
Beth Haugen
Second District C. Coordinator

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

555 WABASHA. ST. PAUL. MINNESOTA 55101

September 6, 1968

Dear Beth,

Your plans for handling the candidates sound fine. The League has mellowed some recently and realizes that it isn't right to deny exposure to one candidate when the other chooses not to appear. We still urge that every effort be made to get both candidates out, but a "no show" shouldn't penalize the opponent.

The League would have no objection to your having separate programs for both (each) candidates. You would want to keep the format and questions the same, but they wouldn't need to be limited to League issues. Candidates' meetings, as voter service, should be kept separate from League positions; so you could ask questions about agricultural programs or taxes or law & order or most important issue this elections etc. If you keep the questions general, then the candidates can pretty much talk about whatever they want to.

The League would have no objection to having just one candidate appear in your series if you had made the offer of free time to all candidates and they then did not choose to appear (or he did not choose to appear). The TV station might object, but it would seem reasonable that the equal time law would apply to equal time being made available and not to whether it was used or not. As for the physical arrangements, whatever you can work out will be fine, I'm sure. Who comes first? You can have them in alphabetical order, or toss a coin or what you will.

It sounds like you have a lot to worry about in addition to your Time for Action coordinating job. I guess the Legislative Workshops will be just for the State Legislature, so we will need to make other arrangements. We can set up a meeting within your district any way or anytime you might suggest. When you have time, I'd love to hear your thoughts on what might work. One suggestion might be that I could drive down through Mankato, pick you up and we could go to say Worthington with Jackson and Rock County meeting there. There will also be the interview with the winner that National will want us to have between election day and January. If this is Nelsen, perhaps we could ask Hutchinson League to set up the interview and then personally pick up and take along St. Peter & New Ulm (maybe even Wells). However it works out, getting together with these Leagues is important enough for the expense to the State League for working it out; When you have the chance, let me know what you'd like to try.

Yours,



Dear Liz,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I mailed to each Second District LNV president. I think it's self-explanatory. Getting our daughter graduated and entered in College has been very time consuming, along with other family matters, and I've been very negligent in my role as Second District Coordinator. I have some plans which may bring a little life into our second district--at least I'll attempt.

I can't believe that every League except Mankato is opposed to all the national positions and I sometimes suspect that a few of the local presidents are using their own feelings to represent those of their league, but that's only guesswork. I do get very depressed living in the Second District because it rarely, if ever, expresses my point of view. I feel that if I could ever meet for enough time to hear the views of each league I could be more effective in working with them. I hope I'll get some response from them. If I don't, do you think it might be possible to put us somewhere on the agenda at the fall workshops so that we could meet and discuss the problems or our particular role in League and our response to Time for Action. I personally think a league must be very frustrated if after all the studying they are unable to take a course of action because they have a different point of view from the majority of leagues.

Well. . .

*Sincerely,
Beth*

July 22, 1968

Mrs. Byron Lesch, President
League of Women Voters
Ashley Hotel
Jackson, Minnesota 55987

Dear Mrs. Lesch:

Foreign Aid, Development of Human Resources, Water Treatment Facilities, Trade Expansion Act--sound familiar? These are Times for Action which your league should have responded to between March and June. Since you haven't let me know that you have, and since as Second District Coordinator I've been very negligent in prodding you, will you take time to inform me of the actions you've taken, or if you haven't acted, why?

The procedure after you've received your national Time For Action is to respond, or not, but let me know which action you've taken within a week after receiving the call to action.

Some confusion exists, I know, where the consensus of your local league does not agree on some issue with national consensus. Of course if your league cannot support the national stand you certainly are not required as a league to respond contrary to your beliefs. In that case, may I suggest a couple ways in which you might act?

- 1) You may decline to respond, but let me know that is your course of action and tell why you did not respond.
- 2) If some members individually support the league's position you might devise some method of informing them of the call to action so they could write their congressman as an individual.
- 3) Sometimes membership changes to the extent that a new consensus is required to accurately reflect the current thinking of your league. Maybe your league should review study items which are on the list of continuing responsibilities.

When you respond concerning the actions you've taken, will you also answer a couple other questions?

- 1) Do you ever write a letter to the editor of your local paper urging the public to respond to the call to action?
- 2) Who takes care of the Call to Action in your league: the president, the item chairman, or a person designated especially for Time For Action?

July 16, 1968

Mrs. Noah Rosenblum
1401 S. Payne
New Ulm, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Rosenblum:

Jerry Jenkins and Marion Watson have reported that your League is concerned about calls for action by National on issues with which you are not in agreement. Perhaps I can be of some help.

Action is basic to League. To be effective, action must have member support. That is why we have the study and consensus procedure to see that there is substantial agreement. If your League, after studying the issue, does not agree with the majority position, you, of course, would not be expected to write contrary to your beliefs. However, we would hope that you would let your members know when a "Time for Action" comes because there may be some individuals who do support League position and would like to write. We would also ask you not to oppose League position using the League name.

The "Time for Action" mailing from National keeps all the Leagues informed when to write. We have established Congressional District coordinators to follow up on this action, and to be of help to Leagues in their districts. (A sheet outlining this procedure is enclosed.) Mrs. Lowell Haugen of Mankato is your Coordinator. She expects to hear what action you have taken within a week after receiving National's "Time for Action" mailing. To make this easier, all you have to do is send her one of the enclosed cards. On those issues your League cannot support our National position, it is sufficient to tell Mrs. Haugen that by card.

If you have any suggestions for making this process easier, we would be happy to consider them.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman

cc: Mrs. Lowell Haugen
Mrs. Harold Watson
Mrs. Irene Janski
Mrs. Jerry Jenkins



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER MANKATO

Mankato, Minnesota 56001

January 23, 1968

REPORT OF SECOND DISTRICT RESPONSE TO TIME FOR ACTION

October, 1967

CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION, WASHINGTON D. C.

Letters written to Congressman Ancher Nelsen by Mankato, New Ulm and Hutchinson. In addition, the 2nd Dist. Coordinator wrote a letter to the editor of the local paper expressing the wish that he editorialize, put it in the Reader Writes column, or make a news article of it. He put it in his desk drawer with the remark later that a letter had been previously published by Mrs. Haugen and it's a policy not to publish many in a row. Since he was given alternatives to action, it's the feeling of the coordinator that there isn't too much interest (at the moment at least) in this area on matters which have to do with Washington, D. C.

At the workshop in Albert Lea, the coordinator lunched with representatives of the district leagues. St. Peter and Jackson felt their leagues did not support such an amendment (Jackson stated emphatically that she saw no reason why D.C. should have 2 senators), Wells stated they didn't write because they had understood that Mr. Nelsen has been opposed to home rule and it wouldn't have been significant to write him. It was pointed out the different approach---that representation was not the same as home rule and that Mr. Nelsen does support representation.

Foreign Aid, November, 1967

Letters were written to the two state senators by Mankato, Wells, and St. Peter. Mankato also sent a letter to Representative Nelsen. New Ulm reported that they did not respond because their league cannot agree on Foreign Aid policies.

December, 1967 OEO

Mankato sent telegrams to the two state senators and Ancher Nelsen urging support of the pending bill. New Ulm responded to the call by saying they hadn't received the call in time to act on it. No word from any other league.

Notes and impressions of the coordinator:

There has been no contact (except on the part of the coordinator) between Worthington or Rock County. We understand the status of the Rock County League and excuse them.

Wells has indicated lack of direction on national issues and it's the hope of the coordinator that in the near future there can be more contact between the Mankato and Wells Leagues to aid them in some of ~~their~~ problems.

Wells and St. Peter were the only leagues to respond to the meeting with Ancher Nelsen, and it's felt that such a contact might improve relations of these leagues with the coordinator.

There is still much the coordinator can do to stimulate interest in action of the district leagues and it's hoped that after the Mankato Leagues' finance drive, more time will be possible to devote to this end.

It's a challenge to be working as Second District Coordinator, and I'm enjoying the stimulation of coming to grips with the challenge.

Mrs. Lowell T. Haugen
Second District Coordinator



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER MANKATO
Mankato, Minnesota 56001

January 3, 1968

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110

Dear Liz,

Invitations have gone out to the district leagues for our visit with Ancher Nelsen. He agreed via telephone today to meet informally before the scheduled TV appearance. If you feel it worth the trip, we'd like to have you here. We will meet at 3:00 p.m. at the television studio (KEYC) and visit over coffee. (January 10th)

Thank you for the biography; they were included with the letter of invitation.

Sincerely,

Beth Haugen



December 20, 1967

Dear Liz,

Representative Ancher Nelsen has consented to appear, live, on the League's television program on January 10th, 1968.

The studio has agreed that we can meet at 3:00 to have an informal visit with Mr. Nelsen before we go on the air at 4:00 p.m. I haven't received confirmation from Mr. Nelsen that he wishes to meet with the representatives from the area leagues, but I hope to persuade him. When his secretary from Washington called me to confirm the date, she sounded as though this were something he doesn't much care for. I explained how we felt it would facilitate correspondence if he knew us and vice versa.

So at the moment, these are our plans: 1) I'm sending Mr. Nelsen a copy of the questions to be covered on our 20 minute show. 2) I'm asking him for confirmation so I can invite the representatives from the area leagues. 3) Arline Brown can make our informal meeting preceding the interview (if it develops). 4) I shall also indicate to Mr. Nelsen some possible subjects which might come up in our informal discussions. 5) Weather permitting, and time, we'd be honored if you could meet with us.

I sincerely hope I'll be able to get a response from our area leagues. At this point I'm very pessimistic about the involvement of some of them as well as the response from Ancher. We'll keep our fingers crossed.

Specific details about the program: Barbara Jones our National Item Chairman will interview Mr. Nelsen on the air. She and I met yesterday and planned the subjects to be discussed. The program will be at KEYC-TV, January 10th, 4:00 p.m. Any changes in our plans will be relayed to you immediately.

Merry Christmas to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Beth

Mrs. Lowell T. Haugen
Congressional Coordinator, 2nd Dist.

CC Mrs. Janski

409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
December 20, 1967

Mrs. L. T. Haugen
28 Pilot Court
Southview II
Mankato, Minn. 56001

Dear Beth;

Merry Christmas. I'm running way behind this year and had hoped to get this letter out a couple of weeks ago. I didn't. With luck, it won't get lost among your Christmas mail, I hope.

Irene Janski has written about setting up an interview with Mr. Nelsen. According to the newspaper, he should be at home in Hutchinson until the new session opens on January 15. Feel free to set up the interview as you wish. There should be at least two Leaguers present, and you can invite all of your contact people throughout your district. I'd be happy to come if it is at all possible.

I'm trying to tidy up some odds and ends before Christmas. Enclosed is a reprint of some backgrounding material on National CRs that was sent out in last month's Board Memo. Also enclosed is a background sheet on Senator Mondale. The State Board will be having an interview with him tomorrow. This sheet is made up from clippings collected throughout the fall. By giving it to the Board members before our meeting, we should have a more informed interview. I have a similar clipping collection on Mr. Nelsen. As soon as Christmas is over, I'll work it up and send it along. This kind of material, combined with what you have collected, should be helpful in your interview.

Thank you for the good beginnings you have made of the Coordinator's job. I'll be in touch with you soon. A happy holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Coordinator

409 Birchwood Ave.,
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
November 15, 1967

Mrs. L.T. Haugen
28 Pilto Court
Southview II
Mankato, Minn. 56001

Dear Beth;

Sorry for the delay in answering. It takes such a long time getting the typewriter out. I do want you to know that you are doing an excellent job. The 2nd District does not have a very active record in replying to Times for Action. (Your predecessor, Mrs. Duane Thovson, Hutchinson, had similar agonies.) But with patience, pleadings, trying to make the process easier, trying to make it more meaningful, maybe we can get more interest in writing. Certainly setting up a meeting with Mr. Nelsen and the League contact persons should be a big help. (With the "plum" of a TV show, you just maybe can get shold of Nelsen.)

As for St. Peter, I talked with Arlene Brown about it. She is their advisor. You were very right in urging them to let their members know about a Time for Action. And even when there is disagreement with League position, they should be able to find some aspects that they could support. It would also be well to point out that they are expected to let the National League know when they don't respond to a Time for Action. Maybe putting their objections to a position in writing might allow National to clarify possible misconceptions. It will also help National keep up with League thought. We at the State League would be interested in getting a copy of any such letters as I'm sure you would be.

I think the Congressional session is about over and perhaps we are through with Times for Action. For the couple of months that you've had the coordinating job, you've done an outstanding job of bring an awareness for action to your Leagues. Perhaps by the next session we can get the whole District to share your enthusiasm.

Yours,

October 19, 1967

The Honorable Ancher Nelson
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Nelson:

Since 1924 the League of Women Voters has urged representation in Congress for the residents of the District of Columbia. We are very pleased that such a bill, HJR 396, is nearing action on the floor of the House.

As you know, this bill provides for an amendment to the Constitution which will give the District two Senators as well as the number of Representatives to which it is entitled by population. With passage and eventual ratification by the states this will give the citizens of the District of Columbia a voice in Congress equal to that of other citizens of the United States.

The League of Women Voters also continues to urge home rule for D.C. We know you are concerned with this issue. We greatly appreciate the work you did on the District committee in being chief sponsor of the elected school board bill. It was a great pleasure to read in the New York Times, October 8, 1967 that "it was Mr. Nelson who obtained Chairman McMillan's vote for that bill, the South Carolinian's first 'yes' on such a controversial piece of progressive law-making that newsmen covering District affairs in Congress could recall."

The bill to allow election of the board of education is an important first step. Passage of HJR 396 would be an excellent second step. We urge your favorable consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

Mrs. O. J. Janski
President

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
National Program Chairman

Oct. 19, 1967

Mrs. Lowell Haugen
LWV of the Greater Mankato Area
28 N. Pilot Court
Mankato, Minn.

Dear Beth,

We have always been impressed with the amount of broadcast time made available to your League. Obviously you must handle it well since the offer of time continues.

You certainly may arrange a program with Anchor Nelson. Use your own good judgment on the format and presentation.

Sincerely,

Mrs. O. J. Janski
President

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409 Birchwood Ave.,
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
October 24, 1967

Dear Beth,

Your plans for using Ancher Nelsen on the TV program sound very exciting. I agree that you wouldn't want to use the other Leagues on the program, but it could work out well to invite their action person, especially if Representative Nelsen would have time to meet with them. Given the chance to meet their Congressman, the Leagues just might come. Since there are only 8, the meeting could still be personal. If I would be invited, I'd enjoy the opportunity, too. Dinner, or possibly luncheon before, sounds fine.

On sources of information from the congressmen, getting on their lists is about all I can suggest. They will answer specific questions, though. I believe that Rep. Nelsen has a column "Ancher in Washington" which he puts out from time to time, at least in the Hutchinson paper. I'm enclosing a rough draft start on Ancher Nelsen, the kind of background sheet we have done on Mondale and McCarthy. The biographical material is two years old; I don't have his home address; his committee assignments may have changed; I don't know what legislation he is particularly interested in. These types of information his office should be able to give you. With the blanks filled in and any additions or corrections made, we can get this typed up in the office and distributed to the Leagues in your district.

The other enclosure is a request for your thought on what the state League budget should include for Congressional Action and District Coordinators. Could you mail it back by Halloween?

You're off to an excellent start.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott

October 24 - after 2PM

Dear Beth,

Letter #2; yours written on October 21 arrived this afternoon in the mail, just in time.

The basic problem isn't really communication, it's that you aren't yet receiving the Time for Action mailing. Today I'm also writing the National League office to ask them to check and to get you on the list. In the meantime, or just for curiosity, you could ask Mrs. Coughlin, your president, or Arlene Brown to show you what one looks like. They both are getting them. And as a further help, I'm asking the State office to send some old ones from this summer on to you. The Time for Action gives excellent background on the issue & then tells you what to do about it. What you have gotten in the mail is the State League's official response - a copy for your information and files & some tid bits on Nelsen. The tid bit category you can collect and use as you see fit - when you need to send out prodding letters to your Leagues or in an occasional up-date fact sheet, or just for your own information.

This latest Time for Action on the District of Columbia was dated October 10. I received my copy October 16th. The mails do vary but the week should by now be up. The issue is a proposed Constitutional Amendment for Congressional Representation for D.C. I'll have a copy of the T for A made up & sent on tomorrow. Included in the same mailing from National was some more background on the Economic Opportunities Act. That bill still hasn't come up in the House & it could well be our next Time for Action. I'll also send along a copy of that material. The basic background material comes from the two National booklets "With Continuing Support" and "National CRS 1966-8". Perhaps you already have these publications or can get them from within your League. If necessary you can order them from National & we will repay you for them.

This mailing should keep you busy for several days just reading through it all. I hope it is starting to make sense. For your own peace of mind just remember that the Leagues aren't used to writing letters. Probably very few have been. Whatever you can do to get them to respond will be an improvement. Good luck!

Sincerely,



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER MANKATO

Mankato, Minnesota 56001

October 17, 1967

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman
409 Birchwood
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110

Dear Liz,

I am negligent and I apologize. Thank you for your letters concerning my appointment as Second District Coordinator. Second District offers a real challenge and I hope I'll be able to make a worthy contribution.

You may have heard from Arline that our local league has free TV time on our local CBS channel. The second and fourth Wednesdays are LWV afternoons. I plan to ask the state board for permission to interview Anchor Nelsen, and then get in touch with him to set up the date. Maybe we can plan to have the eight leagues represented, at least by the presidents and/or legislative chairmen, and have some other activity in connection with the television program. Since the program is only 20 minutes of air time, I feel it would be inadvisable to include that many people for that.

I haven't really thought through on this event, but since the program is at 4 p.m., there's a possibility of a dinner meeting of some sort where we can all become better acquainted with each other and also be brought up to date on some of our national items.

I've been on the mailing list of all our congressmen but get only the newsletters they send out periodically. Do congressmen also send out other kinds of communications on the same kind of mailing list, and if so, how would I be included? Since I'm very new at this kind of job, I'll appreciate all the advice you can send me.

Thank you again for asking me to fill this vacancy; I'm honored.

Sincerely,

Beth

Beth Haugen
Second District Coordinator

P.S. My typewriter is in the repair shop and this portable leaves much to be desired. Please excuse errors.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER MANKATO

Mankato, Minnesota 56001

October 21, 1967

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman
409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110

Dear Liz:

It seems that we haven't established a very good communications system as yet, but I'll tell you (in order) what has transpired and ask a few clarifying questions.

I received your memo and photo copy of the N.Y. Times a couple days before I received a copy of the letter sent to Ancher Nelsen by the State Office. My first question: Which is the notice of the Time for Action? How formal is the procedure of origin of T for Action?

Since receiving both the memo and copy of the letter, I've written a similar letter to Rep. Nelsen using our LWV stationery and my title of 2nd Dist. Coordinator. Is this proper?

To this writing, I've received no communications from the other leagues in the district, but I have a letter ready to mail to them urging them to act if they haven't already, and subsequently to notify me of their action.

In timing the response of the other leagues, do I use the date of the T for A notice I receive? I also understood that my notice of T for A would come from national. If this is the case, I have not yet received the authoritative word.

I hope this letter will aid you in determining what further communications is necessary to get this procedure operating.

Sincerely,

Beck
Mrs. Lowell T. Haugen

*Still founding on the
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Mix Politics, Civil Service? Panel Divided

By CLARK MOLLENHOFF

Minneapolis Tribune
Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A special commission on the Hatch Act is divided on the question of whether federal employes should be permitted to serve as officers in local political organizations.



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409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake
Minnesota 55110
July 28, 1967

Mrs. Duane Thovson
45 11th Avenue NE
Hutchinson, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Thovson:

While we are all appreciating our summer vacations, Congressional deliberation continues as does the need for League's voice on the issues. The problem of making Minnesota's League voice an effective one has recently become my responsibility on the state Board. The process and degree of a local League response to a national Time for Action has been of concern to the state Board for some time. All Leagues are required to respond officially and additional efforts should be made to get responses from individual members as well as the community. We are not now reaching this goal. I believe we can all benefit from evaluating our procedures.

I have received the files from Hannah and have been so impressed by the wonderful job you have done as 2nd Congressional District coordinator. Thank you so much. Your achievements have become the goal of the other coordinators.

We are now making contact with each district. The enclosed sheet contains discussion questions on Time for Actions and suggested possible procedures. By drawing on the experiences of coordinators and their contacts within the local League, we hope to arrive at some simple, workable suggestions. We need the benefit of your knowledge of the 2nd District and would appreciate your comments.

Most Leagues have had a change in leadership and it will be necessary to make new contacts. Would it be useful to set up a meeting of the local presidents and/or those who will be concerned with national Time for Action responses in your district? We will be happy to contact the Leagues concerned and to attend the meeting. Please let me know your thoughts on where we should be going next with the coordinator program.

As Hutchinson League president, you will undoubtedly have a very busy year. If the coordinating job is too much of an extra burden we will understand and will do our best to find a replacement. Let us know.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman

Enclosure

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455
PHONE: 373-2959

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Same letter to the 8 Leagues in the 2nd (+ cc - coordinator 1 file.)
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28 Pilot Court.

Southview II, Markato, Minn. 56001

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cc: Mrs. Lowell Haugen

Same to Pres. - Rock County
Jackson
Mankato
New Ulm
St. Peter
Wells
Worthington

409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110
October 5, 1967

Mrs. Duane Thovson, President
League of Women Voters of Hutchinson
45 - 11th Avenue NE
Hutchinson, Minnesota 55350

Dear Mrs. Thovson:

For some time now, League contacts with our national Congressmen and responses to national Time for Action mailings have been rather spotty. Perhaps by rethinking our procedures, we can make League's voice more effective.

As you know from the Local League Handbook, "a local League shall respond to a Time for Action sent by the national Board or report to the national Board the reasons for not taking action." All Leagues are required to respond officially, and additional efforts should be made to get letters from individual League members as well as the community. Your League has done good work in the past. To make your job easier and more meaningful in the future, we are using Congressional District Coordinators. Yours for the 2nd District is: Mrs. Lowell Haugen (Beth), 28 Pilot Court, Southview II, Mankato, Minnesota 56001.

On the enclosed "Procedures in Response to a National Time for Action," we have outlined a communication schedule. Your League will need to designate one person as your contact. We are assuming that you, as President, will take this responsibility unless you let Beth know otherwise. Some Leagues use a national item person, some have an action chairman, but the important thing is that someone has the responsibility and is prepared to act when a Time for Action arrives. Your action depends upon many factors such as how much time you have, how informed your members are (and how much time you have to inform them), your channels into the community, etc. However, the first step is your League's official response. To insure that this gets done, we are asking you to send a carbon of your letter to Beth within 5 days of the time you get the Time for Action mailing. For many Leagues, it is a great problem making so many carbons. If it is easier, just jot on one of the enclosed Time for Action response cards that you've done it and send that off to Beth. If she doesn't hear from you within 7 days, she will contact you to remind you.

To encourage greater action and to give some well deserved pats on the back for jobs well done, Beth would also like to hear about extra efforts you make. Send a Time for Action card listing what you've done; send along newspaper clippings, etc. These will be a separate mailing because there won't be time to do it all within the 5-day limit. Beth from time to time will summarize and let you know what the 2nd District has been up to.

There is also the vital job of being informed about your Congressmen. We are enclosing some background information about Senators McCarthy and Mondale. You can write Representative Nelsen's and the Senators' offices and ask to be put on their newsletter lists. Be alert for newsletter clippings; evaluate their letters to you;

October 5, 1967

try to arrange to meet your Congressmen, to talk over League positions, their positions, etc. It would be well to start a file on the men. This information will make letter writing far more meaningful. As you come up with some pertinent information, let Beth know. She will assemble it and share it with all of you.

Effective action is the ultimate goal of League. To be a good lobbyist, we must know our subject, and we must know the man we are hoping to influence. By thinking action and using our coordinators, the League in Minnesota can become much more effective.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman

Enclosures

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TO: Miss Evelyn Stager

FROM: Mrs. Ralph Ibbott

SUBJECT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455
PHONE: 373-2959

DATE 10/5/67

This is for your information only. As a provisional League, you are not expected to respond until you are ready and have requested permission to respond.

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TO: Mrs. Duane Thovson

FROM: Mrs. Ralph Ebbott

SUBJECT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455
PHONE: 373-2959

DATE 10/5/67

Gail, thanks for your suggestions. We were able to find someone in Mankato.
Hope it all works out.

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U.S.A.

409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110
September 19, 1967

Mrs. Lowell Haugen
Pilot Court
Southview II
Mankato, Minnesota

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Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman

Enclosure

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Enclosure: Procedure sheet

To: Arlene

From: L. Ell H

SUBJECT

2nd District Coordinator

DATE

Sep. 13, 1967

DEPARTMENT

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MESSAGE

Could you please contact Mrs. Lowell Haugen (Beth) to see if she's interested in the coordinator's job. I wrote her a couple of weeks ago & haven't heard back. It would speed things up if you could relay the message at Board meeting — Thanks.

REPLY

SIGNED

DATE OF REPLY

REPLY TO

She will do this.

Mrs. Lowell T. Haugen (Beth)
28 Pilot Court
Southview II, Mankato, Minn. 56001

DEPARTMENT

SIGNED

ADDRESSEE'S COPY



The Hutchinson League of Women Voters

HUTCHINSON, MINNESOTA 55350

45-11th ave. n.e.
Hutchinson, Minn.
August 11, 1967

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake
Minnesota 55110

Dear Mrs. Ebbott,

My sincere thanks to you for your letter regarding congressional letter writing. I agree with you on the importance of coordinating League efforts so we might be better informed thus more persuasive with our congressman.

I wish to congratulate the team that composed the discussion questions you have sent out. Many of these are questions I would have liked answered by the 2nd Dist. Leagues. This list will be of great assistance to all new coordinators, national agenda chairmen and presidents.

You ask for my suggestions. My first would be that the State Board have it be mandatory that Discussion Questions I-III be filled out and returned to the State Office. (2 copies) One copy should be sent by State to each District Coordinator. It appears to me at this time that the majority of the 2nd Dist. Leagues do not take Time-for-Actions seriously nor their coordinators! If they checked your "methods of action" against their own procedures they might discover room for improvement. As for additional ideas, I really think they would be hard to arrive at, after reading your outline.

Yes, I really do feel a need for a new coordinator. It should be someone of course that would be responsible. (The Jackson League was addressing Ancher Nelsen's mail to the State Capitol.) The Mankato League and Wells were totally indifferent to my contacts. I would suggest Mrs. Jay Brown of St. Peter (former President) or a member from the New Ulm League as replacements for the 2nd Dist. Coordinator position! This League that is selected should allow an extra \$10 in the budget for postage and other forms of correspondence.

Yes, it would be useful to set up a meeting of local presidents and those appointed to handle the Time-for-Actions. We would attend a meeting held in St. Peter, Mankato or New Ulm. It would only be beneficial if a majority were present. Mankato holds many meetings at the Inne Towne, perhaps this could be arranged.

My reasons for resigning would include my first baby born this summer plus the presidency. My thanks to the State and Local Boards for giving me the opportunity to experience this part of League leadership. I have really enjoyed it.

Hope to see you soon.

Respectfully yours,

Gail Thovson

Mrs. Duane Thovson
2nd Dist. Coordinator

Emphasis: Time for Action Letters.

Senator Eugene J. McCarthy
441 Senate Office Building
Congress of the United States

Senator Walter F. Mondale
443 Senate Office Building
Congress of the United States

Congressman Ancher Nelsen
House of Representatives
Washington D. C.

Your local board must take action on all Time for Action letters or report to your coordinator and the state or national Board the reasons for which you have not taken action.

Inform your members that you have received a Time for Action so they may join in the correspondence by writing as individuals. This may be done through your bulletin.

SPEEDY correspondence is necessary to keep ahead of fast-moving legislation which may decide the issue before we voice our opinions.

Most of all-keep informed so you know the voting history of your legislators and what they support and what they oppose. This information is most helpful in writing a tactful letter.

As I'm sure you have discovered, congressional correspondence is very stimulating. Once you have shown your interest in your representative, he does not forget you. In most instances you are put on his mailing list and are kept updated on his current activities.

NOTES:

*a copy sent
to leaguers in
my district*

June 8, 1966

Hi leaguers,

You haven't had much correspondence from me as of late, but being I am a full time librarian, I try not to send out more letters than necessary.

APPRECIATION LETTER:

In the latter part of April we received a note from National Office suggesting we might thank Senators Mondale and McCarthy for opposing apportionment amendment, S.J.R. 103. They really ought to know how much we appreciate their efforts.

If you have already taken care of the appreciation letter, perhaps we should move on to the important business at hand such as the latest Time for Action.

Time for Action:

We realize from Mrs. Stuart's letter that the Administration's Foreign Assistance Act is under heavy fire. If we fail to persuade our Senator and Representative to help control the measures of restrictive provisions, the entire Act might prove to be inefficient, inadequate and unworkable.

We have Fraser on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and McCarthy on Senate Foreign Relations.

To McCarthy you might seek his reconsideration of these restrictive provisions before final Committee action is taken on foreign economic aid legislation. (Preliminary action has already been taken.)

With Fraser you might stress the importance of "Long-Term Authority", retaining the 2.5% interest on development loans, power of President to select countries for foreign aid, and more development lending money at low interest rates.

As leaguers we can do much by urging Congressmen to limit the precarious restrictions on the foreign aid bill.

Please send a copy of these four letters to me for the file and one to state and the National Office.

Respectfully yours,

Gail Thomson

Mrs. Duane Thomson, Pres.
Co-ordinator, 2nd Congressional Dist/

*I won't make it
to workshops - this is
my busy time of the year at
the children's library
Sorry I'll miss seeing you.*

March 23, 1966

ATTENTION:

Jackson
Mankato
St. Peter
New Ulm
(League of Women Voters)

Just a note to remind you of our "finish the job" campaign on Home Rule for D. C.. The date of emphasis for "finish the job" is March 29th.

This is a very important date for all Leaguers who painstakingly work for voting rights.

It is necessary that we acknowledge March 29th, the fifth anniversary of the day citizens of the District of Columbia got the right to participate in presidential elections.

Please drop me a card letting me know how your league handled this venture.

The Presidents mailing from the National Office suggested possible-

1. Press releases.
2. Local talks.
3. Editorials or letter to the editor.
4. Radio interviews, etc.

I am preparing a letter to the editor as is the AAUW here. I am also arranging a small radio spot which will merely acknowledge this anniversary.

Respectfully yours,



Gail Thovson (Mrs. Duane)
President
Co-ordinator, 2nd Congressional District

JUN 10 1965

Hutchinson League of Women Voters
45 11th Avenue N.E.
Hutchinson, Minnesota
June 10, 1965

The Honorable Ancher Nelsen
1526 Longworth House Office Bldg.
House of Representatives
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Nelsen:

Previously, we received a reply to our inquiring letter as to your position on Home Rule for District of Columbia which stated that you supported "some form of home rule for D.C.." We would be most indebted if you might clarify "some form" for us. It would be very helpful for our future emphasis on the item if we had your opinions on the subject.

The League of Women Voters, long an advocate of Home Rule for the District, recommends support of federal legislation which would provide an elected mayor, city council and non-voting delegate in the House of Representatives. We believe that specific details of any local government should be a matter to be decided by the people who will have the responsibility of making it work.

Thank you for the consideration you give us as a member of the House District of Columbia Committee.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Duane Thovson
Foreign Policy Chairman

JUN 14 1965

Hutchinson League of Women Voters
Rt. 2
Hutchinson, Minnesota
June 10, 1965

League of Women Voters of the United States
1200-17th Street - N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Re: Time for Action Response - D. C. Home Rule
Basic Information for National Records

The Hutchinson League of Women Voters responded to the Time for Action on D. C. Home Rule as follows:

One official League letter of support was sent to Representative Ancher Nelsen, who is on the House District of Columbia Committee. An explanatory article was written for our local Bulletin on D.C. Home Rule and all members were urged to write Representative Nelsen in support. The sale of Facts and Issues has been promoted.

jk Would you please send me forms for giving names and addresses of president, treasurer, local program and budget for 1965-66? Our forms seem to have been mislaid.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Robert Mulvaney
President

Hutchinson League of Women Voters
45-11th Ave. N.E.
Hutchinson, Minn.
June 7, 1966

The Honorable Eugene J. McCarthy
441 Senate Office Building
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator McCarthy,

The League of Women Voters of Hutchinson, Minn. wishes to thank you for opposing the bill S. J. R. 103 in the Senate April 20.

We feel the one-vote for each man process of government is the true means to a democratic and representative system of government.

We are truly grateful for your wise decision.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Duane Thovson, Pres.
Hutchinson League of Women Voters

JUL 02 1965

Hutchinson League of Women Voters
Rt. 2
Hutchinson, Minnesota
June 30, 1965

Mrs. Lewis Daniel
State Chairman - National CRs
League of Women Voters of Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Daniel;

Thank you for your letter of June 11, 1965 concerning the Time for Action on self-government for the District of Columbia. I have already sent a copy of our official League letter to Representative Ancher Nelsen on this subject to both state and national offices. I am now enclosing in this letter a copy of his reply which was just received and which I thought would be interesting to you as it was to us. I'm also sending a copy to the national office. Other members have also been urged in our bulletin to write Representative Nelsen in support of self-government for the District of Columbia.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Robert Mulvaney

Mrs. Robert Mulvaney
President

August 20, 1965

The Honorable Ancher Nelsen
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Nelsen,

On August 11 a discharge petition was filed to relieve the House District of Columbia Committee of jurisdiction over home rule bill H.R. 4644. The petition will be open for signing on the 24th.

I know you are aware that the League feels strongly about the importance of giving the citizens of the District of Columbia a voice in their local government. We also feel we should not overlook the opportunity to relieve Congressmen of some of this responsibility which has taken so much of their time and energy.

We hope you will take the opportunity to help implement action on D.C. home rule by signing the discharge petition on August 24.

Sincerely,

Mrs. O. J. Janski
First Vice President

Hutchinson League of Women Voters
Rt. 2
Hutchinson, Minnesota
September 20, 1965

League of Women Voters of the United States
1200 17th Street NW
Washington, D. C. 20036

To: National Office
Re: District of Columbia Home Rule

I am enclosing our latest response from Representative Anchor Nelsen giving his reasons for opposing the Senate bill on D.C. Home Rule (S. 1118). Also I enclose a clipping of Representative Nelsen's recent column in our local newspaper.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Robert Mulvaney
President

Response to latest D.C. Home Rule Time for Action -

Hutchinson League of Women Voters
45 - 11th Avenue N. E.
Hutchinson, Minnesota
August 17, 1965

The Honorable Ancher Nelson
1526 Longworth House Office Bldg.
House of Representatives
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Nelson:

The League of Women Voters observed with pleasure the passage of the D. C. Home Rule Bill, S. 1118 on July 22nd by the Senate.

We note, however, that there has been some objection to the federal payment formula included in the bill. If the formula approach is not adopted under Home Rule, the local government will have to await congressional action each year before it knows the size of the federal payment, thus retaining many of the defects the system now has.

Since the Justice Department and the Bureau of the Budget has already ruled this type of formula constitutional and the Congress would be delegating its' appropriation authority rather than giving it up, the League feels that this bill, including the federal payments formula, is worthy of support.

As a member of the House District of Columbia Committee, you could play an important role in the present bipartisan efforts to get committee action on this bill so it may be considered on the House floor. We are hopeful that you will find it possible to support committee action on the D. C. Home Rule Bill.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Duane Thovson
National Agenda Chairman

June 11, 1965

Mrs. Robert Mulvaney
Route 2
Hutchinson, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Mulvaney,

A few days ago we received from the national office a Time for Action concerning our support of self-government for the District of Columbia. The March 1965 Facts and Issues was devoted to this subject.

It is especially important that local Leagues in Representative Nelsen's district respond promptly to this Time for Action. When Mrs. Whiting was in Washington for the National Council Meeting, she was told that Rep. Nelsen is greatly influenced by letters from his constituents.

Please send your official League letter to Rep. Nelsen as soon as possible and urge your members and others in the community to write to him as individuals. The state office would like to receive copies of your letters. If you are able to get editorials or articles in your local paper, please send copies of them to the office also.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lewis Daniel
State Chairman - National CRs

To all Leagues in 2nd district

146 Adam St. So.
Hutchinson, Minn.
Feb. 14, 1966

Mrs. Lewis Daniel
National Program Chairman
3912 York Avenue So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55410.

Dear Mrs. Daniel,

The Hutchinson League of Women Voters have found it interesting and helpful to write the "Time for Action". For this reason Mrs. Duane (Dail) Thorson would act as coordinator for the second congressional district.

If you would like to contact the representatives for each league, Dail will have a noon luncheon Feb 28 or March 2 at 45-11th ave. N. E.
Wed.

The directions to her house are to take Highway 7 to the 4-way signal lights in Hutchinson. Turn right on Highway 15 i.e. Main Street and drive North until you see a square apartment building on 11th ave N. E. Turn right. Her house will be the third house on your left. Please contact Mrs. Thorson.

Please accept my apology for being late. We have had the mumps at our house. Also the L.W.V. board meeting was held late due to the material was sent to Mrs. Mulvaney instead of to me.

Sincerely,
Mrs Leonard Miller
President.
Hutchinson L. W. V.

A copy of this letter

was sent to

Senator Mc Carthy
(Heading changed)
and Archer Nelson

Jackson League of Women Voters
Jackson, Minnesota 56143
March 25, 1966

The Honorable Ancher Nelsen
House Chambers
St Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr Nelsen:

The Jackson League of Women Voters
urge you to support legislation to
establish home rule government
for the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,
Jackson League of Women Voters
Mrs Clayton Olson, Sec.
100 S Grant St.
Jackson, Minnesota 56143



The Hutchinson League of Women Voters

HUTCHINSON, MINNESOTA 55350

Hannah,

June 22, 1966

(Mrs. Hannah Daniel) Thank you for your letter of Conference - whenever this letter had to be sent to all leagues in this district I made them personal letters, being I had some comments to make too about Council and Workshop.

Dear Mrs. Olson,

Summer sure is a busy time isn't it? But we still must keep abreast of the news. Time for Actions are so important in the summer months when there is much committee work being done in Congress.

Has the Jackson League answered the (June Time for Action) on Foreign Aid? Mrs. Stuart's letter to the senators and the "Foreign Aid at the Crossroads" should give sufficient background to compose a letter.

All Time for Actions should be answered no later than 5 days after you receive them to avoid the possibility of Congressional action before League action.

Why not run off 4 carbon copies of your letters and mail them at the same date as the original. One copy to State, one to National, one to the coordinator and one for your own file? I run off five. Mrs. Hannah Daniel, who is the State Board member working on this Coordinator Project, receives a copy of all letters I send to you and the Congressmen.

- * At the adjournment of each congressional session the coordinator must make a report of the responsiveness, effectiveness and willingness of Leagues in her district to handle Time for Action letters.

You might be interested to know that McCarthy and Fraser answered our letters last week and they both support League position on Foreign Aid.

Waiting for your reply.

P.S. -

Respectfully yours,

Leagues have been somewhat slow in answering this time for action. Maybe it was because they didn't understand league position on the Foreign Aid Program. But Mrs. Stuart outlined it so well in her letter to the Senators. Well, here's hoping we have better results in the future -

Mrs. Duane Thovson, Pres.
2nd Congressional District
Coordinator

Gail

3912 York Ave. South
Minneapolis, Minn. 55410

March 6, 1966.

Mrs. Duane Thovson
45 - 11th Ave. N.E.
Hitchinson, Minn.

Dear Gail:

I meant to write this note as soon as I got back from Hutchinson last Wednesday, but things ganged up on me. You were wonderful to give us such a delicious lunch. My only regret is that more Leagues were not represented at the meeting.

I feel, however, that our exchange of ideas was helpful. And with matters in your capable hands, I know that we will be more effective in our responses to Times for Action. If you can think of anything I could do to help, please let me know.

I have been rereading the letter that you drafted for the Leagues in your district. It is excellent and should be of real value to the local Leagues.

Thank you again. It was a great pleasure to get to know you.

Sincerely,



MRS. WILLIAM W. WHITING

We didn't receive copy of
their original letter to
natl. office. Thought
you would want to
follow up on this (they
always need help!)
then it can go in their
file in the office -

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE UNITED STATES
1200 17TH STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

July 20, 1966

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Mrs. Clayton Olson
League of Women Voters of Jackson
1002 Grant Street
Jackson, Minnesota 56143

Dear Mrs. Olson:

Mrs. Stuart has asked me to thank you for letting us know that the League of Women Voters of Jackson is not responding to the Time for Action on Foreign Economic Aid because you are not sure you had studied this enough to know if this was compatible with your position.

You have probably seen our new publication FOREIGN AID AT CROSSROADS. This is excellent background for your Committee as well as for the members. Your Committee might be interested in sending for both the House Foreign Affairs and Senate Foreign Relations Committees reports on this years foreign aid bills. The reports will be helpful background as you make plans for the Leagues study during the next year. You might also want to write to the Information Staff Agency for International Development Washington, D. C. 20523 for the "Annual Report on Foreign Assistance Program for Fiscal Year 1965." Also, we are preparing a Leaders Guide on the foreign policy item which you should have by late summer.

Sincerely,

Dorothy J. Sortor
Congressional Secretary

DJS:cm

cc: State LWV

Hutchinson League of Women Voters
45 11th Ave. N.E.
Hutchinson, Minnesota
July 11, 1966

The Honorable Ancher Nelsen
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Nelsen,

The League of Women Voters of Hutchinson, Minnesota, urges you to support the foreign aid bill reported out of the House Foreign Affairs Committee when it comes to the House floor.

We are pleased that the House Committee bill exceeds or equals the Administration 1967 request in all categories and authorizes Development Loans and Alliance for Progress for five years with a two-year authorization for the rest of the program.

As you know, League strongly supports foreign aid programs which are long-range. This is based on the conviction that economic aid is not a matter of a miracle in a decade but a long-term proposition. We feel the House Committee bill is a step in the right direction.

We are also extremely pleased that the committee left the development loan rate unchanged. League feels that increasing the interest rate would have the effect of deterring development by creating a greater debt burden in the developing countries. An additional increase would force them to borrow still more funds, to pay their interest debt.

We ask you to work against any cuts in this bill when it reaches the floor and to fully support this bill and work for its passage.

Such efforts will be much appreciated.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Duane Thovson, President
Hutchinson League of Women Voters

League of Women Voters
45 11 Ave. N.E.
Hutchinson, Minnesota
July 11, 1966

The Honorable Eugene J. McCarthy
441 Senate Office Building
Congress of the United States
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator McCarthy,

Members of the Hutchinson League of Women Voters were disappointed to learn of your vote for one-year authorization for all categories on the foreign aid bill in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

As you know, League strongly supports foreign aid programs which are long-range. This is based on the conviction that economic aid is not a matter of a miracle in a decade but a long-term proposition. We applaud the President's request this year for multi-year authority for all development programs and we feel the House Committee bill is a step in the right direction. We urge you to reconsider your position on this point.

We appreciate your stand by voting against Senator Gore's amendment to increase interest rate on development loans to 4.5%. We were disappointed however to read that your committee voted a 3% interest rate.

League feels that increasing the interest rate would have the effect of deterring development by creating a greater debt burden in the developing countries. An additional increase would force them to borrow still more funds to pay their interest debt.

We urge you to work for reconsideration on the Senate floor of some of the restrictions put on the bill and to work against any further cuts.

Such efforts will be much appreciated.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Duane Thovson, President
Hutchinson League of Women Voters

enclosed -

** I thank you letters to Senators regarding SJR 103
* 2 responses to Foreign Aid Time for Action
Fraser - McCarthy*

Hutchinson League of Women Voters
45-11th ave. n.e.
Hutchinson, Minn.
June 8, 1966

The Honorable Eugene J. McCarthy
441 Senate Office Building
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator McCarthy,

As a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, you are aware of the danger the Administrations proposed Foreign Assistance Act is in. The League feels the Act met many of the pressing needs of future foreign developments.

The league is concerned about the committee's preliminary actions. It seems there is a possibility the one-year authority may again be practiced, with re-entry of personnel, management, and planning inefficiencies. We support the Five-Year Plan or "Long-Term Authority"

Why add to the underdeveloped world another explosion-"the debt explosion" by increasing interest on development loans from 2.5% to 4.5%? The higher the interest rate they need to pay-the more economic aid they will require from the U. S..

We seek your consideration of Leagues opposition to restrictive provisions on foreign economic aid legislation.

Sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Duane Thovson, Pres.
Hutchinson League of Women Voters

League of Women Voters
45-11th ave. n.e.
Hutchinson, Minnesota
June 2, 1966

The Honorable Donald M. Fraser
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Fraser,

As a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, you are no doubt aware of the danger the Administration's proposed Foreign Assistance Act is in. The League feels the Act met the pressing needs of future foreign developments.

The League is concerned that the one-year authority may again be practiced, with re-entry of personnel, management, and planning inefficiencies. We support the Five-Year Plan or "Long-Term Authority."

Why add to the underdeveloped world another explosion-the "Debt Explosion" by increasing interest on development loans from 2.5% to 4.5%? The higher the interest rate they are required to forfeit, the more economic aid they will require.

We seek your consideration of Leagues opposition to restrictive provisions on foreign economic aid legislation.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Duane Thovson, Pres.
Hutchinson League of Women Voters

February 16, 1966

Mrs. Reuben Kaiser, President
Wells League of Women Voters
Wells, Minnesota 56097

Dear Mrs. Kaiser:

As you know from the local League Handbook, "...a local League shall respond to a Time for Action sent by the national Board or report to the national Board the reasons for not taking action." Now that Congress is again in session, we may expect to be receiving Times for Action at any time.

Some of the local Leagues in Minnesota have been remiss in responding to Times for Action. The state Board thinks it might be wise to have a coordinator in each of Minnesota's eight congressional districts who would have a committee composed of representatives from each League in her district. It would be the responsibility of this committee to see that the local Leagues respond to Times for Action.

Mrs. Buane Thovson from the League of Women Voters of Hutchinson has accepted the responsibility of being the coordinator for the second district. She will help local Leagues exchange ideas, coordinate information about congressmen and make responding to Times for Action easier for local Leagues.

We are hoping that a representative from each of the Leagues in this district can meet with Mrs. Thovson and members of the state Board on Wednesday, March 2. Mrs. Thovson has graciously invited all of us for noon lunch at her home, 45 11th Avenue N.E., Hutchinson. Please let us know at your earliest convenience if your League can have a representative at this meeting and who she will be, so that we can let Mrs. Thovson know how many to expect for lunch.

Thank you for your cooperation in this enterprise.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lewis Daniel
National Program Chairman

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P.S. Directions: Take Highway 7 to four-way signal light. Turn North onto H.15, i.e., Main Street, and continue till you see a square apartment building on 11th Avenue N.E. Turn Right. Third house on left.

HD

*Same to Jackson Saint Peter
Mankato Wells
New Ulm Washington*

June 11, 1966

3912 York Av. So.
Minneapolis, Minn.
55410

Mrs. Duane Thovson
45 11th Ave. N. E.
Hutchinson, Minn.

Dear Gail:

What a good job you are doing as Times for Action coordinator. Your letter of June 8th to local Leagues should certainly stimulate active local response. Many thanks for taking this assignment seriously and following through on it so thoroughly.

I missed you at the leadership workshop meetings but enjoyed meeting your foreign policy representative from Hutchinson. (I cannot remember her name). She contributed a great deal to our workshop meeting.

After our talk at State Council when our conversation was interrupted by my losing a contact lens I tried to locate you and explain my abrupt withdrawal from sociability. But I couldn't find you again.

I hope we will get together sometime soon.

Sincerely

Mrs Lewis M. Daniel

November 4, 1966

Mrs. Duane Thovson
45 - 11th Avenue NE
Hutchinson, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Thovson,

As you already know, the Times for Action coordinators in each of Minnesota's eight congressional districts are being asked to make appointments for an interview with their elected Congressmen as soon after the November 8th election as possible. The purpose of these interviews is to discuss with the elected officials their opinions on issues that are a part of our national Program.

Enclosed are the questionnaires that have been sent to us from the national office to guide us in conducting our interviews and to be used in making reports. There are the usual three copies, one each for the national office, the state office and your files.

Each Time for Action coordinator will be accompanied on her interview by a member of the state Board of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. Mrs. John Herb, 6001 Crescent Drive, Edina, 612-929-7098, will be with you. As soon as you have made an appointment with your elected Congressman - some time between November 8th and Christmas, please notify Mrs. Herb and confirm the date, time and place with her.

The state Board representatives at the interviews will have with them the two new national publications, With Continued Support and National Continuing Responsibilities, to present to your Congressman.

In contacting your Congressman to set up this interview, don't forget to congratulate him upon his election. If you know a League member who is particularly well-acquainted with him (we hope you are, too), ask her to accompany you but do brief her ahead of time. For this particular interview it would be easier for all concerned if not too many people were involved.

We call your attention to Another Dimension of Lobbying included in the enclosed material. This is the kind of thing each coordinator has been trying to do and share with your committee members from the other Leagues in your district.

Good luck - have fun - let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lewis Daniel
National Program Chairman

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TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT

Mrs. Duane Thovson
45 - 11th Ave. N.E.
Hutchinson, Minn.

Hannah Daniel, state Board

Times for Action Committee

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455
PHONE: 373-2959

DATE

April 1, 1966

Dear Gail:

Thank you for keeping me informed about your work as Times for Action coordinator for the 2nd congressional district. The local Leagues in your district are indeed fortunate in having you to give them assistance in responding to Times for Action.

And many thanks for the copy of your report on the Minnesota Conference on Red China. I think you did an excellent job. I tried to make a similar condensation for the state Board on all that we heard and learned at that conference. It is a tough assignment to boil down such a wealth of material into a short, concise report. You did a better job than I did, and I will place your report on file in the state office.

Sincerely,

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE UNITED STATES

1200 17TH STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

March 4, 1966

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Mrs. Clayton Olson
c/o Mrs. Waldo Solstad, President
League of Women Voters of Jackson
Springfield Parkway
Jackson, Minnesota 56143

Dear Mrs. Olson:

Mrs. Stuart has asked me to thank you for letting her know that the League of Women Voters of Jackson did not respond to the Time for Action on the apportionment of state legislatures.

Sincerely,

Dorothy J. Sortor
Congressional Secretary

DJS:bf

cc: State LWV



MANKATO LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Mankato, Minnesota

March 9, 1966

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Dear Mrs. Daniel and Mrs. Thovson,

We did wish to assure you that we would do anything we can to work with you in responding to the "Time for Action" notices. I had hoped right to the last day that I could call you and say I would be coming, but it did not work out. If you will let me know what plans were made or what you would like the Mankato League to do, we shall be glad to do what we can.

I may be one of those somewhat remiss in reporting our response to those calls. We have, however, written Mr. Nelsen several times in regard to the issue of home rule for Washington, D.C. and also in connection with the reapportionment of state legislatures. In every case, he responds very promptly, stating his position and usually including material from the Congressional Record.

Representative Nelsen is scheduled to speak at a *League* general meeting here on March 25, and we are hoping our members will go primed to ask pertinent questions about his stand on League matters. Do let us know if there is anything in particular we might do through this meeting.

Our regrets for not having had a representative at the meeting in Hutchinson.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Jones

(Mrs. F. W.)

cc. to Mrs. Thovson

3912 York Ave. South
Minneapolis, Minn. 55410

March 6, 1966.

Mrs. Duane Thovson
45 - 11th Ave. N.E.
Hutchinson, Minn.

Dear Gail:

I meant to write this note as soon as I got back from Hutchinson last Wednesday, but things gunged up on me. You were wonderful to give us such a delicious lunch. My only regret is that more Leagues were not represented at the meeting.

I feel, however, that our exchange of ideas was helpful. And with matters in your capable hands, I know that we will be more effective in our responses to Times for Action. If you can think of anything I could do to help, please let me know.

I have been rereading the letter that you drafted for the Leagues in your district. It is excellent and should be of real value to the local Leagues.

Thank you again. It was a great pleasure to get to know you.

Sincerely,

February 18, 1966

Mrs. Miriam Miller
146 Adam Street So.
Hutchinson, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Thank you for your cordial answer to my letter about the new LWV
new LWV project for coordinating local League responses
to national Times for Action by congressional districts.

By great good fortune, I met Mrs. Thovson at the recent semina
seminar on China at the Hopkins House. I talked with her
and set up a meeting at her house on March 2nd. I am
writing to her today to confirm our conversation.

With many thanks for your cooperation and help,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel
Foreign Policy Chairman,
State Board

Hutchinson League of Women Voters
45-11th ave. n.e.
Hutchinson, Minn. 55350

The Honorable Ancher Nelsen
1526 Longworth House Office Bldg.
House of Representatives
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Nelsen:

We, The Hutchinson League of Women Voters wish to assure you of our intense interest in programs in providing equality of opportunity in education, employment and health.

It is apparent that there will be attempts to cut and emasculate many current programs. Of course we locally, as other communities are most concerned about our GAP for this tri-county area. The administration has effectively begun it's operations, and would be greatly hindered in these growing stages by a federal cut-back in program appropriations.

In evaluating federal programs which have been, or will be established, the League will support those programs which largely fulfill the following criteria:

1. The nationwide effort to achieve equality of opportunity in education and employment should include participation of government at all levels and encourage the participation of private institutions.
2. Programs should be carefully tailored to the educational or employment needs of the people they are intended to reach.
3. People for whom community action programs are designed should be involved in the planning and implementation of those programs.
4. The programs should be carried out by personnel competent to meet the specific requirements of their jobs.
5. Programs should assist people to become self-supporting.
6. The programs should be nondiscriminatory.
7. Research, pilot projects, and continuing evaluation should be encouraged and, where feasible, built into programs.
8. Programs may be closely related but should avoid unnecessary duplication.

We appreciate the job you are doing for our state and the nation. We also realize your well-founded position on the Poverty Program, Ancher, but we are sure you will support programs with necessary merits.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Duane Thovson, Pres.

Sent individual letters
to all League's in
the dist. - all the same.

45-11th ave. n.e.
February 27, 1967

Dear Mrs. Brown,

I am certain that you have most likely answered the Time for Action of February 6th in the past couple weeks. If you have not on this particular matter, there is still time. Tonight sounds like a good time to acquaint your Congressman Nelsen, Senators McCarthy and Mondale of League's positions on Human Resources. We all feel it is vital they know we have had a great deal of background study on the various programs. With this knowledge, they will realize we are "all set" to take action on coming congressional proposals. We might call this Time for Action a "get prepared" letter for all Congressmen!

It would be most considerate if you remember me and my letter file when mailing. Help me keep our very charming State Foreign Policy Chairman, Hannah Daniel, informed of your writing activities. If you do not write we are always interested in why not:

1. Was it because you disagreed with the League position?
2. Felt you were not informed on the issue?
3. Or short of League time?

I am sending a copy of the letter I sent out to Rep. Nelsen. The letters to Mondale and McCarthy were the same except for the last paragraph.

Let me hear from you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Duane Thovson, Pres.
2nd Dist. Coordinator

February 18, 1966

Mrs. Duane Thovson
45 - 11th Ave. N.E.
Hutchinson, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Thovson:

It was an unexpected and very pleasant surprise to see you at the China Seminar. I am delighted that you will be coordinator for the Times for Action committee for the 2nd congressional district and that you are enthusiastic about this new LWV project. I feel sure it will be of great value to local Leagues.

Mrs. Miller said that a meeting at your house on Wednesday, March 2nd, would be convenient for you. You are extremely gracious to offer to give us a noon luncheon. I am writing today to the other Leagues in your district to tell them about this meeting and to ask them to send in the names of the representatives on the committee from their respective Leagues, so that you will know how many to expect for lunch. I have asked the State Office to relay this information to you, since I will be out of town from Feb. 20 to Feb. 28.

There are seven Leagues, besides Hutchinson, in the 2nd congressional district, but probably not all of them will be represented at your meeting. Probably two State Board members will be there. That means a maximum of nine guests. If this sounds like too big an undertaking, let me know.

I will enjoy seeing you again. Wasn't the China seminar fascinating and stimulating? My favorite faculty members were Prof. Fitzgerald and Mr. MacFarquhar. Why can the British speak more eloquently and more clearly than the rest of us?

Sincerely

Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel
Foreign Policy Chairman, State Board

Sept. 22, 1966

Attention:

State Board

Jackson
Mankato
New Ulm
St. Peter
Wells

Dear Hannah,

At this time of the year we should all be eager to take active part in the work of our chosen organizations. I don't know about you, but I feel much better after a quiet August vacation in the Brainerd area and at home on the farm in Mankato.

During my cries for response to the summer Foreign Aid Time for Actions, I received answers from Jackson and St. Peter. Thanks to these two Leagues for remembering the directions given in the Handbook on page 25. I called State Board National Chairman Hannah Daniel to see if the other three Leagues had sent there reasons for not complying to State-they apparently did not.

Let us remember, please, what an important adventure legislative letter writing is. Include as many members as possible-so that you need not rely on one person.

This month we asked each member to write on Home Rule (after we'd given them a refresher on League's position of the item) I've never seen such enthusiasm! The new members loved it. They thought this was just a project of the local board. (What a mistake!)

In writing the senators, thank them for supporting S. 1118 Self-Government for D. C. on July 22, 1965.

Letter Heading suggestion:

The Honorable Walter F. Mondale
Senate Office Building
Congress of the U. S.
Washington, D. C.

The Honorable Eugene McCarthy
etc.

Respectfully,

Gail
Gail Thovson, Pres.
Coordinator

THE MINNESOTA UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION

Honoring the Twentieth Anniversary of W.H.O. and the
Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Heritage Hall, Minneapolis Public Library
September 12th at 9:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M.

9:30 A.M. Overture: A film of the United Nations - presenting the
hope it represents to mankind, set to music
of Beethoven's Egmont

9:45 A.M. A Salute to the 20th Anniversary of W.H.O. and
The Declaration of Human Rights

Harold W. Greenwood, Jr., President of
Minnesota United Nations Association

10:00 A.M. Dr. Gaylord Anderson, Mayo Professor and
Director of Public Health, University of Minnesota

1. Charter of U.N.
2. Declaration of Human Rights
3. W.H.O., Its Relation to Objectives

"Doctors To the World", author Murray Morgan
Two other Public Health Doctors to discuss
issues raised by Dr. Anderson

11:00 A.M. "Man Alive" - A film story of W.H.O. (The World Health
Organization) - Narrated by Sir Alex Guinness

11:30 A.M. Questions and Discussion

12:00 Luncheon Recess

1:30 P.M. Presiding Miss Barbara Stuhler, Associate Director
World Affairs Center, University of Minnesota,
member of the U.S. National Commission for U.N.E.S.C.O.
Department of State

U.N.E.S.C.O. AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Dimitri Tselos, Art Historian, Professor of Art
Education, University of Minnesota

2:30 P.M. F.A.O. and Human Rights - Food and Freedom from Hunger
as a Human Right

Willard W. Cochrane, Dean of International
Organizations, University of Minnesota

Questions and Discussion

Film: In support of the F.A.O. Campaign toward
Worldwide "Freedom from Hunger".

Rapporteur: Mrs. Ralph D. Ebbott, White Bear Lake, Minnesota
International Relations Chairman
The Minnesota League of Women Voters