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REPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL INTERVIEW

[CONFIDENTIAL]

Date January 17, 1975

Congressman

Name Joseph Karth

District 4 State Minnesota Party Democratic

Particular legislative interests (committee preferences if new):

Ways and Means Committee; Subcommittee Oversight, Trade, Social Security

Subjects discussed and views of Congressman on each: Election Reform - no one
should give more than \$1. EQ - Environment need not be sacrificed to develop energy.
Public service jobs - government should go as far as necessary to provide this help.
Tax reform - immediate tax cut for those under \$15,000. Should be accomplished before
March 15. Does not favor tax on petroleum as proposed by President. Prefers rationing.
Windfall profits tax is a sham. Does not favor deregulation of natural gas but feels
the price must be allowed to rise. Energy - must have research and development on
breeder reactors. Trade bill - had not favored giving Russia MFN status but felt it
was wrong to put provisos on internal affairs. Ways and Means Committee may have
jurisdiction over National Health Insurance. This is too much. Jurisdiction should
not be split but responsibility given to another committee. Would like longer term
for Congressmen but feels it will never come about because of the Senate.

(More space on back. Attach another page if necessary, as well as additional information.)

As a result of the interview, how do you think the League can work most effectively with the Congressman? What is his/her attitude toward the League as an organization and in general toward the League's national positions?

Karth is friendly to the League and can be approached personally. While he does not necessarily agree with all League positions, has an open mind.

Other organizations and/or individuals to whom he/she is particularly responsive:

Kind of interview (where held, number of Leagues and League members involved):

Interview was held in his office - 20 Leaguers from seven Leagues and the state Board attending.

Signed Lorraine Fredrickson

Portfolio 4th District coordinator

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Congressional Interview - December 18, 1973

Joseph E. Karth - DFL - Fourth District

Ways and Means Committee

Impeachment: Representative Karth stated that the Judiciary Committee is acting with "deliberate speed" on the impeachment of President Nixon. A lot of work is required to sift through the many allegations. Thirty or so investigators are at work to find if there are solid, concrete facts to support the allegations that the President is guilty. He emphasized the seriousness of impeachment. The President should be presumed to be innocent during the committee work.

Energy Bill: Karth voted for the amendment that would exclude small producers and independents from the excess profits tax. (During the last ten years all exploration work in this country has been done by small rather than large producers.) The amendment failed because of fear of public misunderstanding. Karth doubts that we can become self-sufficient in energy unless we curb use. We have a lot of coal but it is costly to convert (gasification). Pollution standards must be relaxed until technology catches up.

If we don't have government gas rationing there will be rationing by stations as there is not enough gasoline to go around. While rationing is difficult, some sort of rationing is necessary. To cut gas consumption by imposing a large tax is unfair to the poor.

The House version of the energy bill requires the President to come back for congressional approval of steps taken. (At the end of the session the House and Senate could not agree and the bill did not pass.)

Welfare Reform: There is no effort for more welfare reform. The social security increase was based on anticipated cost of living, but it will not meet these costs due to the energy shortage and inflation. Senator Mondale's Social Service legislation is in conference committee. The Senate often attaches nongermane amendments but does not provide funding, as it did in this case. Representative Karth feels that every bill coming out of the Senate Finance Committee or House Ways and Means Committee should provide for financing.

Campaign Financing: This legislation has an excellent chance next year.

D.C. Home Rule Bill: Quasi home rule legislation passed. If it works, legislation for D.C. to have a greater voice in its own affairs will follow.

Tax Reform: There will be a major tax reform bill coming from House Ways and Means Committee. It won't be satisfactory to anyone.

Foreign Policy: Our policy on the Israeli-Arab conflict is in line with meeting our national security needs. He feels that President Nixon and Kissinger were taken in by Russia in arriving at detente. Detente is an excellent goal, but it is being used as a sword by the Soviets. The Congressman has no doubt that USSR influence is behind Arab actions and that Arab policy has been dictated by the Soviet Union. They were behind the Arab attack on Israel. When Arabs started losing, the Russians wanted to send troops to insure peace. Russia has built a mighty war machine, second only to ours and in some cases may be superior.

Congressman Karth also felt that sanctions against Arabs would not work

because they can buy elsewhere what they buy from us.

Trade with Russia: Congressman Karth opposes most favored status because the intended deal would have us supplying machinery, technicians and pipeline equipment to develop their oil resources. Then maybe they would sell us the oil. He is not willing to take that chance. Congress would reject another "wheat deal" with Russia.

The Economy: The Congressman predicts 8-9% inflation next year with 8% unemployment.

The meeting was attended by League representatives from New Brighton, White Bear Lake, Roseville, St. Paul and the state League.

memorandum

The League of Women Voters of the United States

DATE: 11/6

TO: Mrs. McCoy, President, LWV of Ill.

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 4

Congressional district that Representative Karst

of that district was contacted on 9-12 by F. Kieffer

. The subject of the discussion was DC Home Rule
L.G. says Cong. firmly supports Home Rule.

Additional remarks: _____

(B):

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

by _____. The subject of the discussion was _____

Additional remarks: _____

M TO: Sid (copy to Liz and Helene)

E FROM:

M Mary Ann

O SUBJECT Reply from Congressman Karth
re: MFN treatment to Russia

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102

PHONE: 224-5445

DATE 10-4-73

Here is a copy of M. Karth's letter--please send a copy along to National with whatever comments you feel appropriate. Do you feel we should reply to him with League position-related comments? Let me know what you advise--I'll be happy to read any drafts that may come out of this exchange!! Thank you.

JOSEPH E. KARTH
4TH DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

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WAYS AND MEANS

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

OCT 1 1973

September 26, 1973

Ms. Mary Ann McCoy
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
555 Wabasha
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Ms. McCoy:

Thank you very much for your recent telegram concerning the granting of Most Favored Nation treatment to Russia.

I feel the granting of MFN treatment to assist the Soviets in solving their economic-political-social problems at this time is wrong or building the new B-1 bomber, Trident submarine, etc. to protect ourselves from the untrustworthy and militaristic Soviets is wrong. We cannot have it both ways.

Secondly, to enhance the profit picture of a relatively few at the potential (if not real) expense of national security, should not be a policy of our government.

Our recent experiences with wheat, corn, rye and the recent experience the Europeans have had with the sale of butter to the Soviets, indicates clearly that additional trading experience without MFN is advisable for at least another year or two. I firmly believe that caution now is appropriate.

I do favor granting immediate MFN treatment to many of the communist satellite countries. There are many apparent political reasons for this. Certainly that action seems to me as the better immediate approach.

Not only do I support the Mills-Vanik bill, Vanik and I are the principal supporters of it in the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ms. Mary Ann McCoy
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I am also an author of the amendment and have no intention of changing that position.

It was thoughtful of you to give me the benefit of your views on this most important issue.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Joseph E. Karth
Member of Congress

JEK:pw

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Congressional reform: Mr. Karth did not feel that the seniority system of choosing chairmen could be eliminated completely. Political deals would be rampant if left to the committees to choose. If it were done by secret ballot in the caucus a few larger states could name all chairmen. He favors a modified seniority system. Bringing legislation to the House floor under a closed rule was discussed. The Congressman felt that the Federal government would lose half its revenue if tax bills were considered under an open rule. They would be amended to death for political gain.

Welfare reform: The bill failed last year because of administrative support. No new social reform is likely that will increase the national deficit. Even with full employment there will be a deficit of \$12-15 billion dollars.

As an alternative social reform he favors raising the minimum wage. It is important that people be encouraged to work. Anyone who works a full week ought to have enough money to live decently regardless of the type of employment. The legislation to raise the minimum to \$2.00/hour failed last session and millions of jobs are not covered at all. He suggests a \$3.00/hour minimum wage with a portion coming from the government the employee as a subsidy. This would gradually decrease to nothing after five years.

Clean Water Bill: Overriding the veto was pointless except to express the will of Congress. The administration is not bound to release funds for any bill unless it is specifically worded in the bill.

Environmental Quality: He introduced a bill to encourage use of recycled material last session. It failed. While tax incentives for recycled products might be a good approach, he is hesitant to support legislation that will reduce federal tax income. Another way to protect natural resources is to relax import restrictions and import more raw materials.

Transit: The highway trust fund should be used for mass transit too. He voted to crack the fund last session and will again. He discussed the powerful highway lobby. Campaign contributions or the loss of them do influence voting. Citizens' lobbies are important but they lack effectiveness when compared to special interest groups.

Taxes: We have to increase the revenue to the federal government to take care of the needs of the country. The growing deficit cannot be tolerated any longer. The priorities of the Ways and Means Committee are:

1. Review the tax laws
2. Trade legislation
3. National Health Insurance

He has asked the Library of Congress to make a complete study of the tax system. It will include the social and economic conditions of the country at the time each special law was enacted as well as the arguments for and against passage. This information will be used to determine the validity of such laws now.

Little agreement exists about how to have comprehensive tax reform even among experts. Hearings will be held this session. An attempt will be made to make the tax structure simpler and more equitable, but the outcome can't be predicted. He does not want to see a loss in federal revenue.

Congressman Karth has spoken out against local governmental bodies using revenue sharing funds for tax relief. Communities using these funds this way will face large tax increases next year and the year after as these shared revenues replace existing grants-in-aid.

This session Congress will establish a comprehensive budget of income and expenditure. A committee composed of 5 members from Appropriations and Ways and Means Committees of each house with the Majority and Minority leaders from each house, 24 in all, will be responsible for setting these priorities.

Equal Rights Amendment: He is on record supporting the ERA.

The interview was held in the Congressman's St. Paul office. It was attended by 15 League members from 9 local Leagues and 2 State Board members.

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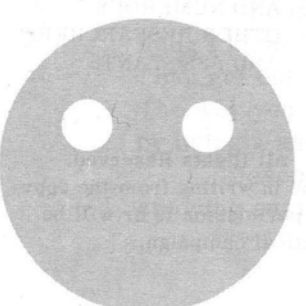
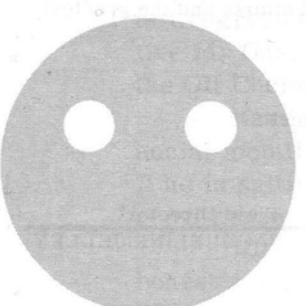
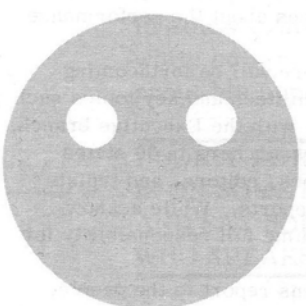
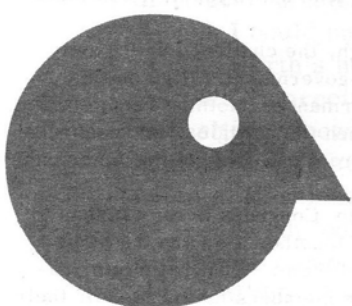
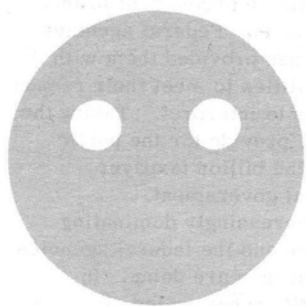
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Ralph Nader Congress Project Citizens Look at Congress

Joseph E. Karth

**Democratic Representative
from Minnesota**

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New Brighton, Minn.
September 21, 1972

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Dear Liz,

As I mentioned to you, I was thinking of giving up the job of Fourth District Coordinator in favor of someone more closely associated with national program. I also said that I thought I could find someone within our own League, thereby saving you the job of trying to find someone. I have decided to give up the job and have found a replacement.

Lorraine Fredrickson, with whom you may be acquainted (past Pres. Roseville League), has agreed to take the job. She does not currently hold a Board position but she has time and energies to devote to League. She is also a very knowledgeable person with regard to League positions. She is aware of the meeting of coordinators which you are setting up and said she would be available.

Her address and phone number are listed below.

Lorraine Fredrickson (Neil)
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The coordinators job has been an interesting one. I feel I should have done a better job and feel that Lorraine will be an improvement. I will transfer the materials to her and give her any help I can.

Sincerely.

Kay Wright

P.S. I recieved the list of Local League Presidents in the Fourth Dist. Thanks! Excuse the typing but the handwriting is worse.

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Interview with Representative Joseph Karth - 4th District - DFL
January 21, 1972

Committee: Ways and Means (all other were given up with his selection to this committee)

Sidelight---The Ways and Means Committee is composed of 25 members; 15 Democrats and 10 Republicans, which reflects the ratio of the House. The Committee handles all measures for raising revenues. All tax bills are considered in this committee. Since trade with its system of tariffs was at one time considered a form of raising revenue, all trade bills are discussed in this committee, as well as social security legislation. It has no Subcommittees but does its work as an entire committee. Another aspect to the importance of this committee is that the Democratic members comprise the Democratic Committee on Committees.

U.S. Congress - There are several inequalities or weak points which elicited his concern. The subcommittee system with individual Congressmen's close ties to the bureaucracy tends to perpetuate this bureaucracy. Increased budgets increase the committee's power and prestige. Because Congressman Karth is on Ways and Means, he is now on the Democratic Committee of Committees. He intends to work for change in the party caucus rules and practices to insure a greater diversity and balance in the membership makeup of House Committees.

Environmental Quality - The Water Pollution Bill (Blatnik Bill) will soon be coming up in the House. He feels the House committee has done a more thorough job than the Senate. It is his understanding that the House bill is limited to provisions that are now technically possible. He feels that this is better as great harm can come from laws based on things that are not yet possible.

Human Resources - The House passed HR 1, the Family Assistance Bill. They didn't have the votes to override the Presidential veto of the Day Care Bill. It appears dead for this session. The Congressman talked about the importance the economy has on social legislation. With the estimated national deficit for 1971 and 1972 63 billion dollars, there won't be much interest in expensive, expansive social experiments. The first job is to get the economy going. A big problem is that the minimum wage of \$1.60 per hour makes it more profitable to be on welfare. Mr. Karth felt that HR 1 will probably pass with a poverty level around \$3,000 to \$3,300.

Foreign Policy - In his position on the Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Karth has had a chance to study the Common Market and its growing effect on the U.S. trade and economy. The Common Market is growing very strong and it's preferential trade agreements with some non-Market countries is being considered in the current GATT (General Agreements on Tariff and Trade) negotiations.

He also feels that pressure may begin to grow for restrictive trade legislation if the economy and unemployment rate do not improve.

The Ways and Means Committee staff is presently investigating multi-national companies to evaluate these in light of the general U.S. trade scene.

Home Rule for Washington, D.C. - It may come up after having passed the Senate by a substantial majority, but history has shown one House to pass this type of legislation and the other House fail to pass it.

Other Ways and Means Committee Concerns - The Committee is working on a tax sharing bill. They are now studying the cost and efficiency of the 80,000 units of government we have in the country. This is too many to try to share with. The Twin Cities Metropolitan Council has been considered as a possible model and the resulting legislation will probably include language encouraging governmental units to merge into larger, more efficient units.

The Health bill has had public hearings and the committee will probably begin executive sessions on it soon. They will not propose sweeping national health insurance legislation although they will probably propose the initial steps and combine existing medical programs.

SST - The SST is really dead now. If this concept of plane is reconsidered, it will be in the future using more advanced technology than the technology of the '50s and '60s upon which the SST was based.

National Defense - The U.S.A. is still superior. The current pressure for the F-14 appears to be out of proportion with the great costs involved. Increases in Defense spending would appear best spent in research and development of the technology needed rather than how to build a better tank.

The interview was attended by the League's 4th District Coordinator, State Board members, and representatives from 7 Leagues.

JOSEPH E. KARTH
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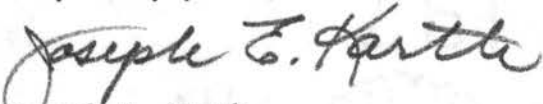
Dear Mrs. Ebbott:

I just want you to know how much I enjoyed our visit last Friday. As usual the ladies of the League of Women Voters were well prepared and informed on the issues discussed. Of course this comes as no surprise to me because this has always been my experience.

In closing, I hope you will continue to contact me as the Congress begins discussion and debate on the many important matters that face this nation.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,



Joseph E. Karth
Member of Congress

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CONGRESSIONAL ACTION OF LEAGUE INTEREST

92nd Congress - 1st Session

Joseph Karth - DFL - 4th District

Committee: Ways and Means (appointed 10/6/71)

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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 --Assignments of Democrats to the House's standing committees...Passed 259-32 - 42 voting Present (2/4/71 - #15)

HUMAN RESOURCES

- X --Accelerated Public Works Act, to delete \$2 billion not budgeted...Defeated 128-262 (4/22/71 - 66)
- 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)

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- 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 - #35)
- 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 (HR 1) 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 (6/21/71 - #136)
- x --Family Assistance Bill...Passed 288-234 (6/22/71 - # 57)
- 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 - #216)
- 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)
- Co-author, letter to BIA Commissioner Bruce urging new regulations governing the use of contracted federal funds for Indian education. (Johnson O'Malley Act funds)
- X --Alaska Native Claims, conference report. Passed 307-60 (12/14/71 - #465)
- 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)
- 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 Act Extension, 1971, conference report. Passed 210-186 (12/7/71 - #438)

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)
Co-author, resolution on establishing an Atlantic Union with the goal of transforming present alliances into a federal union.
- X --Repassing 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)

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With this wrap-up of 1970, your job can all be turned over to the new coordinator:

Mrs. Dennis Wright (Kay) 533-7097
1523 - 20th Avenue NW, St. Paul, Minnesota 55112
(New Brighton)

If you haven't yet been in touch with her, once the summary-report is done, you can give her your files. And again many, many thanks for the fine job you have done all this time for the League.

Sincerely,

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Enclosed is a list of League presidents so you can contact them. You will be losing 3 Leagues (~~Kaitomedi~~ Mahtomedi, St. Croix Valley, Woodbury) but not for another year, so they should be notified too.

Let me know how you make out; if I can be of any help. I'll try to attend if I can. Happy New Year.

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As it is, if the information on the labels of the food you feed yourself and your family ever reached the level of that you buy for the family pet a consumer would be able to make wiser purchases at the supermarket.

This lack of consumer information comes primarily from two sources, legal, but inadequate labeling of food intended for human consumption and a great gap on consumer knowledge of what is printed on that label of "beef stew."

While the Food and Drug Administration isn't thinking of making your soup labels tell you as much as the dog food label, it is beginning to make some positive steps in eliminating what it considers to be "misleading" labeling.

To attack the second problem the F.D.A. is beginning to promote the existing labeling requirements so that consumers may make better informed purchases.

Few people know that the ingredients of meat and poultry products must be listed on the label in descending order of predominance as used in the formulation of the product.

According to the *New York Times* this "test" was applied to the label of one brand of chicken stew costing 45 cents per pound (based upon unit pricing) lists water, chicken, egg dumplings, carrots, among other ingredients, while another brand's label lists chicken stock, carrots, potatoes and chicken meat and sells for 48 cents a pound.

While a minimum quantity of meat is required by law, a close look at the label shows that there is more chicken than dumplings and carrots in the less expensive brand and that there are more carrots and potatoes than chicken in the more expensive brand.

While this is no reflection upon the "taste" of the two products, it clearly shows which product has the higher ratio of chicken to other ingredients. This, at least theoretically, should lead to a better informed buy, and a better value.

To put more information on the label the F.D.A. has proposed new labeling regulations to help consumers to identify the amount, source and type of fat in processed foods.

This is especially needed as consumers become more and more concerned about what they are putting into their bodies. The F.D.A. summed up the situation in its formal statement on the



SCHOOL MEETING — Prior to a meeting to discuss Saint Paul's inner city schools, several officials gathered in Congressman Joseph E. Karth's reception area. Participants in the discussions pictured here (from left) are State Senator Jerry Hughes, Mrs. Charlotte Mitau, George Young, Saint Paul Superintendent of Schools, and Congressman Karth.

INGREDIENTS

Meat, Meat By-Products, Meat Meal, Carrots, Chicken, Soy Flour, Green Peas, Beef Fat, Onions, Whole Eggs, Dried Bakery Products, Modified Food Starch, Sodium Caseinate, Soy Grits, Wheat Flour, Celery, Green Beans, Wheat Gluten, Potato Starch, Yeast Extract, Salt, Potassium Chloride, Dicalcium Phosphate, Isolated Soy Protein, Citric Acid, Calcium Carbonate, Vitamin Supplements, E, B₁₂, B₆, A, D₂, Thiamine, Niacin, Riboflavin, Cellulose Flour, Vegetable Shortening, Magnesium Oxide, Caramel Coloring, Garlic, Choline Chloride, Seasoning, Monoglycerides, Ferrous Sulfate, Artificial Food Coloring, Calcium Propionate, Cupric Oxide, Cobalt Chloride, Potassium Iodate, Manganese Dioxide, Charcoal, and water sufficient for processing.

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS

Crude Protein not less than.....9.5%
Crude Fat not less than.....3.0%
Crude Fibre not more than 1.5%
Ash not more than.....4.0%
Moisture not more than 78.0%
Calcium (Ca) not less than 0.3%
Phosphorus (P) not less than.....0.24%
Vitamin A Activity not less than 2000 USP units/lb. Vitamin D₂ not less than 80 USP units/lb.

Dog Food Label

by drinking "2 per cent" milk, but whole milk itself contains only 3½ percent fat. This statistic is not marked on the label. The F.D.A. says that 3½ ounces of whole milk contain 65 calories, compared to 58 calories in low-fat, or 2 percent with added non-fat solids. Fortified skim milk is markedly lower with 42 calories.

The F.D.A. maintains that the same holds true for cottage cheese and has proposed that the term "low fat" be omitted from cottage cheese because, according to the F.D.A., that product is not legitimately low fat. In its place the Government agency has asked manufacturers to simply state the fat content and let the consumer judge the significance for himself.

For more information on the existing standards for labeling, a consumer is wise to write the Food and Drug Administration Consumer Information Unit, 5600 Fisher's Lane, Rockville, Md. 20852.

You won't end up knowing as much about the food you eat as the chow you serve your pet, but at least you will know more and perhaps save some money in the deal.

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problem, saying, "Consumers are being confused and misled by labeling statements such as 'no cholesterol,' or 'lower cholesterol,' especially on products containing substantial amounts of saturated fats."

This is especially important in the light of claims — advanced by some scientists, but disputed by others — that the control or reduction of blood levels of cholesterol, a fatty substance, is useful in the treatment and prevention of heart disease.

Under the proposed rules processed food offered to the general public to lower or manage blood cholesterol and to prevent and treat heart disease will be considered misleading if the labeling "represents or suggests that the article contains less or no cholesterol." The term "unsaturated" was also declared to be "ambiguous and misleading."

Also the F.D.A. would require that food processors — in their labels for the public at large — to disclose the specific source of a fat (beef or chicken fat, for example, or cottonseed oil or corn oil.) Presently a common food industry practice is to use such terms as "shortening" or "vegetable oil."

The consumer should also be aware of products advertised as "diet" or "low fat," according to the F.D.A. For example, the calories in low fat milk and whole milk do not significantly differ, the F.D.A. says.

You may think you're getting fewer calories and less fat by drinking "2 per cent" milk, but whole milk itself contains only 3½ percent fat. This statistic is not marked on the label. The F.D.A. says that 3½ ounces of whole milk contain 65 calories, compared to 58 calories in low-fat, or 2 percent with added non-fat solids. Fortified skim milk is markedly lower with 42 calories.

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Karth Pushes Police, Fire Benefit Bill

WASHINGTON — A bill that would provide continuing federal benefits for police and firemen killed or disabled in the line of duty is beginning to pick up support in the U.S. House, but it is still not certain of passage.

One major breakthrough came as CONTACT went to press. A spokesman for the House Judiciary Committee assigned the bill informed the bill's sponsor, Congressman Joseph E. Karth, that hearings will be held in September.

The Minnesota Congressman's bill reached the committee hearing stage in the final days of the 91st Congress, but the legislative log-jam and stiff opposition from the Administration stalled the bill in committee.

Karth is more optimistic this time around due to increased concern by House members over the lack of organized benefit plans for police and firemen. "The Congress is beginning to see that all too often widows and dependents are left with practically nothing but community benevolence. With confusion and contradiction from state-to-state and city-to-city this has become a national problem that must be dealt with at the national level," Karth says.

The Administration has proposed what Karth calls a "watered-down version of my bill" that would provide federal death benefits for policemen only, with a \$50,000 maximum.

"This counter-proposal ignores the fact that as of 1969 fire fighting replaced mining as the most dangerous occupation in the U.S. measured in terms of deaths per 100,000 workers. I'm not going to be satisfied with this 'finger in the dike' approach and I don't believe Congress will either," Karth concluded.

Karth Discusses War Issues



SPACE COOPERATION — Canada's Ambassador to the United States along with Canadian space officials recently conferred with Congressman Joseph E. Karth on international space cooperation. Among the subjects discussed was 'space benefits.' For a full story on those benefits, see page 3.

War, Economy Concern District

SAINT PAUL — Withdrawal from Vietnam, either immediate or by a strict timetable, is favored by nearly three-fourths of the Fourth District residents responding to Congressman Joseph E. Karth's 1971 poll.

Final tabulations released by Karth's office show that 33 percent of the respondents favor immediate troop withdrawal (double the number who favored that position last year) and 41 percent approved setting a troop withdrawal timetable and sticking to it. On the other hand, only 14 percent favor a withdrawal policy based upon Indochina officials opinion of their capability of waging the war themselves, and only 12 percent favored increasing our activity to achieve a military victory.

Meanwhile, concern over the state of the economy replaced pollution as the number one priority for action in the minds of the Fourth District. Last year pollution out-polluted other issues by a two-to-one margin in Karth's poll, while

this year inflation and the cost-of-living ranked as the number one priority with unemployment a very close third in the list of concerns. (The war was ranked number two.)

The poll, which was mailed to over 150,000 district households attracted the largest return since Karth began polling his district.

Final returns totalled nearly 16,000 and were tabulated by Karth's Washington staff. Karth said that the high return rate "is a good indication of the concern over national affairs in the Fourth District."

The most obvious opinion expressed in the poll was on the subject of the now-grounded Super Sonic Transport project. Karth's poll showed a clear majority of 80 percent were against the federal funding of the SST project. Only 20 percent of the respondents backed federal funding. Ironically, on the day the results of the poll were released to the news media, the House voted down the project.

WASHINGTON — In testimony submitted to the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on June 22 investigating the Indochina War, Congressman Joseph E. Karth said that the Executive Branch of Government has been trying to tell us to shut up because everything is all right in Indochina.

"Well, it isn't all right and we can't be quiet," Karth said.

Highlights of Karth's testimony included:

TROOP WITHDRAWAL — "At the rate we invaded Cambodia and Laos, I drew up my own withdrawal timetable, and based upon my estimates the last of our troops might well end up embarking for the United States via the Suez Canal around 1979."

VIETNAMIZATION — "I originally supported the concept of Vietnamization so long as it was coordinated with serious negotiations in Paris. But simply to Vietnamize the war without any real prospects for peace would result in Asians killing Asians...changing our role from bullets on the ground to bombs from the air does not reduce our responsibility."

WAR CRIMES — "The question of war crimes which haunts the American people should be resolved by a United Nations investigation into war crimes committed by both sides in this conflict. Self-flagellation in the name of our own crimes does little to solve the issue."

PRISONERS OF WAR — "Historically peace negotiations begin seriously only after the fighting stops. The prisoner-of-war issue will certainly not be solved by ill-conceived grandstanding commando raids, nor by a lapse in negotiations in Paris."

NEGOTIATIONS — "We must negotiate firmly and fairly in Paris recognizing that continued military pressure has not and will not force the enemy into concessions or submission any more than it would the U.S."

NOW — Since Karth's testimony, several Congressional votes on the Vietnam war have forced the Executive to take another look at its position on the war resulting in an acceleration of negotiations in Paris.



KARTH MEETS WITH STUDENTS — Students from Johnson High School, Saint Paul, recently met in Washington with their Congressman Joseph E. Karth. Karth, who covered a broad range of topics with the visiting students, noted, with tongue in cheek, that the students have quite a reputation to live up to as Johnson students. "Several graduates of Johnson High I know are Chief Justice Warren Burger, Governor Wendell Anderson, my administrative assistant Bob Hess, and my wife," Karth pointed out.

Senator Young Tells of Rugged Individualism

WASHINGTON — Shortly before his retirement as the Senior U.S. Senator from Ohio, Stephen M. Young reprinted an article from his 1969 newsletter *Straight from Washington* at the request of several Senate colleagues.

Because of the interest in obtaining copies of this article, CONTACT reprints it here in its entirety:

Washington. A young man lived with his parents in a low-cost public housing development in Hamilton County. He attended public school, rode the free school bus, enjoyed the free lunch program. Following graduation from high school, he entered the army and upon discharge kept his National Service Life Insurance. He then enrolled in an Ohio University, receiving regularly his GI check. Upon graduation, he married a Public Health nurse, bought a farm in southern Ohio with an FHA loan. Later going into the feed and hardware business in addition to farming, he secured help from the Small Business Administration when his business faltered. His first baby was born in the county hospital, built in part with Hill-Burton federal funds. Then, he put part of his land under the Eisenhower Soil Bank Program and used the payments for not growing crops to help pay his debts. His parents, elderly by now, were living comfortably in the smaller of his two farm homes, using their Social Security and Old Age Assistance checks. Medicare covers most of their doctor and hospital bills. Lacking electricity at first, the Rural Electrification Administration supplied the lines, and a loan from the Farmers Home Administration helped clear the land and secure the best from it. That agency suggested building a pond, and the government stocked it with fish. The government guaranteed him a sale for his farm products. The county public library delivered books to his farm door. He, of course, banked his money in an institution which a federal agency had insured up to \$20,000 for every depositor. As the community grew, he signed a petition seeking federal assistance in developing an industrial project to help the economy of his area. About that time he purchased a business and real estate at the county seat aided by an FHA loan. His children in college received financial assistance from the federal government, his son under the National Defense Loan program and his daughter under the Nurse Training Act. Both lived in dormitories and studied in classrooms paid for with state and federal funds. He was elected to office in the local Chamber of Commerce. A little later it was rumored he joined a cell of the John Birch Society and also the Liberty Lobby, both right-wing extremist groups. He wrote his Senators and Congressmen denouncing excessive government spending, medicare, big government, the United Nations, high taxes, etc., and he wrote, "I believe in rugged individualism. People should stand on their own two feet, not expecting government aid. I stand on my own two feet. I oppose all those socialistic trends you have been voting for and demand return to the free enterprise system of our forefathers. I and my neighbors intend to vote against you this year."

(By Sen. Stephen M. Young, ret.)

Administration Views Economy Through Blinders

WASHINGTON — "For a while I suspected that the Administration was viewing the economy through rose colored glasses. Now it appears that all along they were wearing blinders."

That's the comment from Congressman Joseph E. Karth as the nation's economy continues to suffer a condition that economists said couldn't exist: simultaneous inflation and recession.

The statistics only tell part of the story. The nine-year high in unemployment figures does not reflect the fact that the hardest hit sector is the one least able to cope with unemployment. Astronomical unemployment figures are being recorded for those who can afford it the least — the poor and Vietnam veterans.

"The paradox brought about by high unemployment coupled with inflation is also higher taxes. This has been brought about by substantially increased welfare costs," Karth said.

"Just in the past four years welfare costs have gone from 7.8 billion dollars to 13.9 billion dollars. When people are unemployed they go on welfare. If the question is raised, 'why have my local taxes gone up,' the answer is in large part, increased welfare costs," Karth stated.

Likewise inflation continues unabated.

Karth noted the irony that the day after new highs were released for inflation, figures on increased worker purchasing power were published.

"Administration spokesmen had a field day pointing out that though inflation was high, the workers are making more money thereby implying that inflation really isn't anything to worry about," Karth noted.

"I wonder what would have happened if the release dates for those figures had been reversed. Then someone might have pointed out that despite the fact purchasing power was up, inflation was up too, thereby denting the purchasing power increase," Karth said. ■

Conservation Hearings Held

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — House hearings on citizen conservation class action legislation designed to stop pollution through the Federal courts were held here by the House Fisheries and Wildlife Subcommittee.

Joining the subcommittee chairman, Rep. John Dingell of Michigan, were Minnesota Congressman Joseph E. Karth, and Pennsylvania Congressman George Goodling.

Karth said the hearings were valuable in discovering the effectiveness of a Michigan state law that authorizes citizens to bring class action suits against polluters in state courts.

"There was a fear," Karth said following the hearings, "that such suits would clog the courts. We discovered that such a fear was groundless, and that similar legislation at the federal level could be effective in the fight against pollution."

Basically the bill would allow citizens to file jointly against private institutions, or Federal or local governments as a means to stop projects that cause unreasonable pollution or degradation of the environment.

As subcommittee Chairman Dingell puts it, "For years, the Establishment has been telling citizens to get involved and to play a role in government. The

proposed legislation, which would give them a legal basis to become involved, could well become one of the most important pieces of environmental legislation of this Congress."

Key witnesses appearing before the House panel included Professor Joseph Sax of the Michigan Law School who drafted the original legislation, and Thomas Anderson, Michigan state legislator who was responsible for guiding the bill through the Michigan legislature.

Karth said that the hearings convinced him that the bill deserves House and Senate debate.

"I believe we are dealing here with a fundamental right of every citizen — the right to clean air and water. When that right is violated every citizen should have the means available to see that the right is restored through the courts. This legislation would make that right a part of the law. We intend to watch carefully progress on the federal and state levels. Congress in the past three years has passed some meaningful legislation, but if expected progress is not sufficient, we will make an all-out fight to enact class legislation," Karth said. ■

Ft. Snelling Battle Won

WASHINGTON — The effectiveness of the Minnesota delegation was evident here when the U.S. Postal Service withdrew its request for 68 acres at the historic Fort Snelling. Following disclosure of the Postal Service's covert plans for the land and a swift protest by Congressmen Joseph E. Karth, Donald Fraser and William Frenzel, response was immediate.

"I am delighted with work you are doing in relation to keeping the Postal facility from the Fort Snelling area," Mr. V.W.

"Thank you so much for your work in trying to save the Parade Ground-Polo Field at Fort Snelling," Mrs. A.N.

"I appreciate your efforts to prevent desecration of our historic park," Mr. J.R.

"I'm alarmed at the nerve of

the bureaucrats who want to grab the Polo Field and Parade Ground at Fort Snelling to erect a monstrous post office facility," Mr. P.C.

After a series of meetings and testimony before a Congressional Subcommittee, the plans were withdrawn. Again the reaction was immediate.

"The news on Tuesday that the bulk mail facility will not be built at Fort Snelling was most welcome to me. I wish to commend you and the other members of the Minnesota Congressional delegation for your successful fight to preserve the polo ground at Fort Snelling," Mr. R.N.

"We have appreciated your very effective efforts in opposing Fort Snelling as the site for the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Postal Project." The Saint Paul Chamber of Commerce. ■



PARK PLANNING — Ramsey County's ambitious parks and open spaces projects were discussed with high level environmental officials here recently in Washington. Here (from left) William Q. Patton, Federal aid co-ordinator, Lawrence Cohen, Ramsey county commissioner, Thomas Kelley, Ramsey county administrator, John Milton, county commissioner, and Congressman Joseph E. Karth review a portion of the County's plans.

New Space Efforts Tackle Earthly Pollution Problems

The era of the "television spectacular approach to space" is just about over, and one Congressman pleased by that is Joseph E. Karth.

"I believe we are moving in the direction of providing the people who have footed the bill, the taxpayers, with more benefits from the program," Karth says.

Karth, who has gained a reputation in Washington as one of the toughest critics of the space program, is particularly interested in the ambitious Earth Resources Technology Satellite (ERTS) program. Karth is credited with getting the program off the ground in the midst of the rush for the moon.

"The most promising aspect of the ERTS is its application to a broad range of earth problems, especially in the area of pollution control."

"By more efficiently spending money for anti-pollution programs and the environment, we can make substantially greater progress at the same cost rather than by continuing to muddle around on a hit or miss basis," Karth points out.

Pinpointing pollution sources is one of the chief goals of ERTS. In fields such as agriculture ERTS will provide valuable information detecting early blight and insect infesta-

tions, giving farmers time to take preventive measures. The Department of Agriculture estimates annual savings of \$3 billion in this area alone, almost as much as the cost of the total space program.

These benefits, Karth says, are only a few of the more than sixty the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has planned for ERTS and other related programs.

The launch of ERTS next year will bring a great number of earth bound benefits to join health care, and fire safety advances developed by NASA. In addition, the development of space technology will result in long term benefits to underdeveloped countries in communications and education.

One of the leading states for developing that technology has been Minnesota. In a reflection of its highly trained skilled population, Minnesota has consistently ranked in the top half of the states receiving prime NASA contracts.

In the subcontracting area Minn. has set a more enviable record, consistently ranking in the top 10 states in the U.S. receiving NASA subcontracts.

"Such a record is due solely to the high level of research and development talent that is assembled in our state," Karth notes. ■

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Dear Friends:

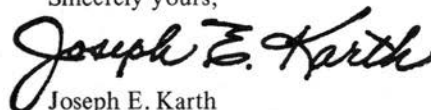
Health Care? The SST? The War in Indo-China? The Seniority System? The Budget? The Space Program? The Draft?

These are just a few of the many complex questions that will confront the 92nd Congress, and as Congress begins to face these vital questions I would like the benefit of your views.

In the past, the citizens of the Fourth District have been helpful in responding to my questionnaires, and I look forward to hearing your views as you answer this one. Not only do your answers help guide me, but I make the results of this poll available to the various Minnesota news media and publish the results in my spring issue of CONTACT.

Please know in advance that I am grateful for your cooperation and your assistance.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph E. Karth
Member of Congress

Please detach this questionnaire at the fold and return it to me.

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1. There is much talk these days about the problem of reordering our national priorities. Rate the following list of areas in terms of their importance on a 1 to 10 scale.
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|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pollution | <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inflation and the cost of living | <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School desegregation | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The war in Indo-China | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing |
2. Do you favor a system of national health insurance for citizens, administered by the Federal government on much the same basis as the Social Security System? ☐ YES ☐ NO
3. What policy should the U.S. follow in regard to the war in Indo-China?
- ☐ Immediate troop withdrawal
- ☐ Set a troop withdrawal timetable and stick to it.
- ☐ Withdraw only when Indo-China Officials say they can wage the war on their own.
- ☐ Increase our activity to achieve a military victory
4. To stabilize the economy:
- ☐ The administration should urge labor and management to hold the line on wages and prices (what has come to be known as "jawboning").
- ☐ Wage and price controls should be put into effect.
- ☐ Government spending should be cut back.
- ☐ The government should let the economy alone.
5. Should the Federal government subsidize the development of projects such as the Supersonic Transport (SST)? ☐ YES ☐ NO
6. How should Congress best attack the problem of unemployment:
- ☐ Pass legislation which would subsidize local government efforts to hire the unemployed.
- ☐ Expand government spending.
- ☐ Put funds into efforts to retrain workers whose jobs have been lost due to cutbacks.
7. Should the Congress:
- ☐ Abolish the draft and set up a volunteer army even though this will increase substantially the Defense budget.
- ☐ Continue the draft, but eliminate present inequities such as college deferments.
- ☐ Require a universal draft with the option of serving in a non-military capacity.
- ☐ Continue the present draft law.
8. The Space Program should be:
- ☐ Continued at the present level.
- ☐ Accelerated
- ☐ Cut back
9. Committee Chairmanship should be decided by:
- ☐ Seniority alone.
- ☐ A vote by the Members of the majority party before Congress convenes.
- ☐ Using seniority as only one of several factors.

YOUR CONGRESSMAN, JOSEPH E. KARTH, REQUESTS YOUR OPINION

National Health Insurance is a National Priority

WASHINGTON — One of the major works of legislation to be considered by the 92nd Congress will be the National Health Insurance Bill.

The bill, which was introduced in the 91st session, is expected to receive high priority in the upcoming session with bi-partisan support.

Congressman Joseph E. Karth, an early supporter of the legislation, said the bill will not have smooth sailing in the 92nd. The outcome could hinge on how well the bi-partisan backers take their case for the program to the public and to fellow legislators.

"And that case for National Health Insurance is a good one," Karth said.

"Any analysis of the health crisis we face in America today shows the need for health reform and a national insurance program," Karth continued.

"For example," Karth said, "among the major industrial nations of the world, we rank 12th in infant mortality behind all the Scandinavian countries, most of the British Commonwealth and even Communist East Germany.

"We trail six other nations in the percentage of mothers who die in childbirth, all of that tied with a shocking rise in the cost of health care.

"We set ourselves up as one of the leaders of the Free

World, and yet we cannot even keep our own citizens healthy without sending them to the poor house.

"Unfortunately, private insurance has not answered the problem. Despite massive sales of private health insurance, most of the expenditures for personal health services must still be borne out-of-pocket by the patient at the time of illness or as debt thereafter.

"Not only do we face a dismal picture at the moment, but as the saying goes 'things could be worse' — unfortunately, they will be. The doctor shortage, for example, stands more than 50,000 and is worsening daily, yet U.S. medical

schools turned away 15,000 well-qualified applicants this year.

"Faced with this predicament, the Administration worsened the problem by slashing federal assistance to medical schools and putting yet more schools on the financial ropes," Karth said.

"It is imperative that Congress act in a responsible manner to this growing national problem — a National Health Insurance program of some kind appears to be the only answer since all other approaches have failed and become more desperate over the past several years," Karth concluded.

Every Vote Does Count

The old complaint that "my vote doesn't count," may now be laid to rest in the aftermath of the 1970 elections.

Many races, notably the Senate race in Indiana, produced razor thin margins where a one vote change per precinct could have turned the results around.

And if that close a margin doesn't convince a voter to get off his apathy, two other races around the country were decided by a total of three votes and a coin toss.

One, a primary race in North Dakota, resulted with the winner having victory by one slim vote. In a recount the actual margin of victory turned out to be three votes.

As Fourth District Congressman Joseph E. Karth commented, "You can't tell me that the supporters of the

man who lost will ever believe the argument that one person's vote doesn't count."

Meanwhile, another race ended up as close as one can possibly be — tied.

This particular election for Sheriff in Durant, Oklahoma, ended up decided not by the will of the voters, but by a coin toss.

"I think it is significant that neither of these races were small affairs where a slender margin could be expected. In the North Dakota race decided by three votes, the total vote was more than 34,000. In the Oklahoma instance, nearly 6,000 votes were cast," commented Karth.

"That proves conclusively that each and every vote does count, and as these instances show — one lone vote could be the margin of victory," Karth concluded.

New Holiday Days in 1971

Effective January 1, 1971, more working men and women will be receiving three day weekends as a result of legislation passed over two years ago. Beginning in 1971 the following are the new legal public holidays:

New Year's Day	January 1
Washington's Birthday	3rd Monday in Feb.
Memorial Day	last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	1st Monday in September
Columbus Day	2nd Monday in October
Veterans Day	4th Monday in October
Thanksgiving Day	4th Thursday in November
Christmas Day	December 25

Season's Greetings



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New Trends Set By 91st Congress

WASHINGTON — As the 91st Congress moved toward adjournment, Fourth District Congressman Joseph E. Karth said that this session will be known as "a precedent-shattering, and trend-setting Congress."

"While there were several significant works of legislation passed, this session will be best remembered for instilling a renewed realization of Congress' constitutional role as a equal partner in the governing of this country," Karth said.

"In the past, Congress has been criticised for being unresponsive to the people. While there is still much room for improvement, this kind of charge does not now hold true.

"Especially significant along this line is the public's growing concern over the environment and the Congressional response to it.

"For a long time there has been a small body of conservation minded Congressmen who have fought for such issues as the Wild and Scenic Rivers bill which protects rivers such as the St. Croix.

"But today an aroused public has caused each Congressman to examine his own record on conservation and set a firmer course in the future. This great 'awakening' did not come from any special interest group, or lobby — it came from the people.

"And for the most part, Congress listened," Karth said.

In this continued sense of responsiveness, the 91st Congress marked the end of an era "where the Defense Department can come to Congress with an open palm and expect to leave with it well-lined, and no questions asked.

"No longer is it more dollars for defense, but more defense for the dollars. And the Defense Department now realizes that the elimination of wasteful programs is what the taxpayer wants," Karth continued.

And as many Capitol Hill observers noted, other agencies have also realized this new rule.

As Karth put it, "It is clear now that the American people want to know where their tax dollars are going, and also want to know what benefits they will realize from the investment of those dollars."

Not only has Congress impressed that point upon government departments and agencies, but it has realized its own responsibilities in this session.

That responsibility is House Reform, and as Karth puts it, "For the first time since the beginning of the Republic, members votes will be required to be recorded on amendments, rather than kept secret.

"In addition, the seniority system is under attack in both parties. And in light of the fight we fought in the 91st Session to eliminate seniority rules, most members are now talking about how and when these rules will be changed, rather than whether," Karth said.

"While the members of the 91st Congress can be proud of several significant legislative accomplishments such as the Environmental Council, and continuing the fight against crime, I am proud of the more subtle, yet equally significant measures and trends that we set in this, the 91st Session," Karth said.

The Case for Carlos Avery

WASHINGTON — In another effort to preserve the heritage and beauty of the Carlos Avery Wildlife Refuge, Congressman Joseph E. Karth sent a lengthy letter to Secretary of the Interior-Designate, Rep. Rogers C. B. Morton, spelling out the facts against the construction of an airport at Ham Lake.

This is a summary of that letter:

1. The usefulness of the Carlos Avery Wildlife Refuge (which abuts the proposed Ham Lake site) would be ruined by the construction of an airport there. Wildlife mixes with jets about as well as the wildlife and oil wells mix off the California and Gulf coasts.
2. The building of an airport at Ham Lake would result in the loss of a federal investment of \$268,845 in developing the Refuge (Sept. 12, 1969 letter from the Department of the Interior) and above \$13,000,000 total — local, state and Federal.
3. There is no land to compensate for the loss of this refuge that has the unique characteristics of being within 50 miles of half of the state's population (Oct. 8, 1970 letter from the Department of the Interior).
4. The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Jack Shaffer has pledged to remain neutral on the issue until a formal request is made for required FAA approval (Oct. 29, 1970 letter from Shaffer).
5. Any decision by the FAA, by law, must be made in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and reflect recommendations by the Department of the Interior.
6. There is growing local opposition to the Ham Lake site that includes various citizens groups, and the Minnesota Department of Conservation, and the Minnesota Environmental Control Citizens Association.

As Karth said, in closing his letter to the future Secretary of the Interior, "The case against the Ham Lake site is overwhelming. And that, I admit, is an understatement."

Quota Filled Trade Bill Invites Inflation



THE CAPITOL AT CHRISTMAS

P.O.W.'s Must Be Remembered

"In a time when we often find our country divided upon many issues, there is one that we all agree upon.

"And that issue, and the feeling for that issue, was well summed up by Astronaut Frank Borman in a message before a joint session of Congress.

"His subject was the 1,500 men missing in action in Viet Nam. And he said that the question of those men's fate is one 'that all Americans can unite behind, regardless of their opinion of the Vietnamese War.'

That is part of New Year's message by Congressman Joseph E. Karth.

The Fourth District Congressman went on to say:

"While we do not know the fate of all the men that are in the hands of the North Vietnamese or Viet Cong, we do know the kind of life their families must live.

"For these families, it is a life of uncertainty, and even of torture as hopes and fears go up and down in a never ending rhythm.

"The spirit of those relatives of our men missing in action was raised by the brave attempt to free the men be-

lieved to be held in one prisoner of war camp.

"But now we see that despite the bravery of those men who attempted to secure freedom for those American captives, this action was ill-advised and could have resulted in a great loss of lives including immediate death to all prisoners held captive.

"We know now that the fate of these men is not a political question, not a military question.

"It is a moral question — a moral question that has not been answered by the North Vietnamese.

"And the question for us remains, what can we do?

"We can continue to work to mobilize world opinion to pressure the North Vietnamese to reveal the names of all those held captive.

"We can continue to support efforts by the International Red Cross on behalf of these men.

"We can continue to support our efforts to secure the release of these men through the Paris Peace talks.

"And we must continue to hope, and continue to remember that these men are sons of us all."

WASHINGTON — Calling it "inflationary and damaging to the American consumer," Congressman Joseph E. Karth fought the so-called "protectionist" trade bill in the 91st Congress.

"The American working man is being sold a false bill of goods with the trade bill," Karth said in outlining his opposition to the bill imposing quotas on imports of shoes, textiles, and oil.

"In fact, the term 'Protectionist' is a misnomer," Karth continued. "If anything, this bill is really an act of aggression against American consumers and many American industries and workers.

"The eventual costs to the consumer for this legislation are, frankly, staggering," Karth said. "A Federal Reserve Board Member warned that the bill imposing import quotas will cost the American consumer almost \$4 billion a year in higher prices."

Karth pointed out that cost jumps on shoes and textiles would only be a start, "as foreign countries retaliate in reaction to our restrictions.

"The result of that would be mad rounds of soaring inflation and the consumer

would pay the bill.

"And economic reprisals by foreign countries are not a figment of the imagination — the European Common Market, our biggest customer, has promised to retaliate vigorously.

"If our foreign markets are blocked by economic reprisals, where is the American producer supposed to sell his product?" Karth asked.

"The paradox is," Karth continued, "that the loser is the consumer of the United States. Despite complaints about unfair competition from abroad, we will have a \$3 billion trade surplus this year. This surplus is vital to maintain our overseas commitments, our balance of payments, and the stability of the dollar.

"There has been much speculation that the administration favors this bill as a means to pay off political debts to textile tycoons, and southwestern oil men," Karth said.

"I trust this is absolutely false and that the President will lay such rumors to rest by his veto of the bill when and if enacted by both Houses of Congress and sent to him for signature."

Chairmanship to Minnesotan

WASHINGTON — Minnesota gained the chairmanship of a key House Committee as it appears Eighth District Congressman John A. Blatnik will assume the top spot on the

House Public Works Committee in the 92nd Congress.

Under the present seniority system, Blatnik would automatically assume the post since he is now the senior committee member on the committee following the November elections.

There may be an effort to organize Congressional Committees on terms other than the strict seniority system, but as Congressman Joseph E. Karth, one of the leaders in the fight to abolish the exclusive

use of the seniority system, commented, "I am confident John will be selected the new chairman under any system."

"I think there is good foundation for this confidence," Karth continued, saying, "Congressman Blatnik has long been known as a hard worker, a dedicated legislator, strong conservationist and has an enviable record of public service."

In other Minnesota delegation matters, one new face will belong to Bob Bergland, a Roseau farmer, who will be representing the largely rural Seventh District.

Bergland, a former Department of Agriculture official, is recognized also as an outstanding conservationist.

"Bob's election shows the concern the people of Minnesota have for their total environment and we all expect him to move up quickly in the ranks of the House," Karth commented.



Congressman John A. Blatnik

Lean Christmas for Some as Economic Woes Continue

Christmas will be a little leaner this year for many Americans as inflation continues to rob them of their earnings.

What is even more tragic are the dismal prospects facing the over four and a half million unemployed Americans.

"It is obvious now that any so-called game plan for cooling off the economy, and avoiding a recession has failed completely," according to Congressman Joseph E. Karth.

"The assumption that there is an acceptable level of unemployment is not only misguided, but it has done nothing to halt continuous and accelerating inflation," Karth continued.

"Despite enforced unemployment, there has been little cooling of the economy. What ever cooling there has been is constantly being wiped out by continued increases in the cost-of-living," Karth added.

"I am afraid that we will continue to hear more talk rather than constructive action on the economic front. One official has been quoted as saying, 'Judge us not by what we say, but by what we do.'

"Using that guideline, he would join the ranks of the unemployed," Karth added.

"I expect we will receive a

round of orchestrated optimism in the next several months due to artificially optimistic statistics," Karth said.

"For example, there will be a drop in unemployment as General Motors gets back into production, and an apparent increase in industrial production as steelmakers begin to over-inventory in preparation for a possible strike next summer. But neither of these statistical improvements will set the trend for long-term improvement.

"We must have more vigorous action and leadership from the administration," Karth continued. "We need more than inflation alerts, we need a conscious, sustained effort at achieving voluntary wage and price controls.

"In addition, housing and general construction must be increased, efforts must be made to convert unused defense industries to peace-time uses, and high interest costs must go down.

"It is clear that the administration has bi-partisan support, as well as the tools to get our economy moving again without inflation.

"I trust those tools, granted the Administration by Congress last December will now be used," Karth concluded.

92nd To Continue Ecology Efforts

Noting that the 91st Congress has taken "some important first steps in the battle to save the environment," Congressman Joseph E. Karth said, "There is much left to be done in the upcoming 92nd Congress and I plan to have a hand in seeing that it gets done."

Karth said he is pleased that the past year's events have lead to a new public awareness of pollution, but added, "I'm afraid we have just begun to discover how serious our problems are."

One means of discovery has been provided by a Karth co-sponsored bill that established the Council on Environmental Quality — passed in the 91st Congress.

"While the Council has no regulatory power — it does have power of recommen-

dation and investigation — and reports its findings to both the President and the Congress.

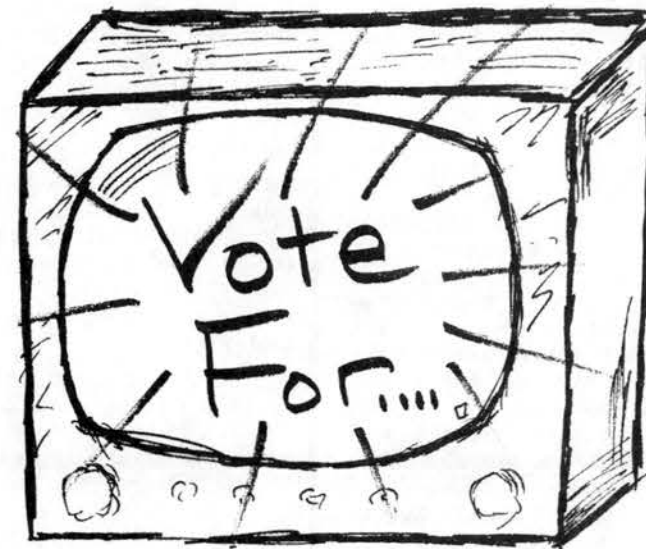
"To solve a problem of pollution you have to know precisely where and how much it is before you can attack it intelligently," Karth added.

One recommendation by the Council endorsed by Karth is expected to be brought up in the next session. It is a proposal to rigorously limit and in many cases ban ocean dumping.

"This is a good proposal. It is well-researched and detailed including a recommendation that the Coast Guard be designated the Enforcement Agency.

"It is from work such as this that we can mount an effective fight to save our environment," Karth concluded.

Television—a Villain?



Television's role in the last election is being debated by columnists and Congressmen and winners and losers alike since it is now reported that a record amount of money poured into that medium for political advertising.

"It seems clear," Congressman Joseph E. Karth noted recently, "that a tough law limiting the amount of money spent in an election campaign must be passed by the 92nd Congress.

What form that law will take is an additional subject of much debate. Following the President's veto of the bill restricting the amount of money that could be spent in television and radio advertising, it appears that a comprehensive law will be proposed to include all forms of advertising.

Karth, who backed the television limitation as a vital first step to further legislation, says he will work for a new spending curb law in the next session.

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While there was a great fear in the last campaign that a media blitz would allow a candidate to "buy" an election, such results were inconclusive.

As recorded by the *Washington Post*, the 26 candidates who relied on five well-known publicists resulted in 13 winners, and 13 losers.

"Yet there remains the ominous threat," Karth commented, "that future elections will be left only to the super-rich or men so heavily in debt to campaign contributors that his public interest could be reduced.

"At the same time, we must be careful to avoid writing a bill that would end up simply protecting the incumbent. There is a middle ground to be found here and I believe the 92nd Congress will be dedicated to finding it."

Flip Wilson, HHH and Karth?

A Congressman receives numerous requests for public appearances during a year, but a recent request had Congressman Joseph E. Karth in company that included comic Flip Wilson, and Senator-elect Hubert Humphrey.

That happened when Mrs. James Shelton asked her third grade class at James H. Hill school to invite an "important person" to their class.

While some members of the class chose Wilson and Humphrey as their "important" invitees, eight-year-old David Wilson wrote Congressman Karth, and said, "I would like you to come to my class, because I want to know about politics. And I'd like you to make a speech and ask and answer questions."

Karth commented that an invitation like that is tough to turn down.

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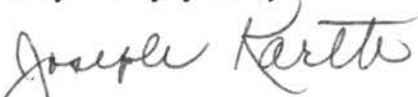
Dear Mrs. Janski

Thank you very much for your recent letter regarding
a meeting with several representatives of the League
of Women Voters.

I will be most happy to meet with you and suggest
my office, Federal Courts Building in St. Paul,
on December 29, at 10:00 a.m.

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I'm looking forward to seeing you then. With kindest
regards, I am

Very truly yours,



Joseph E. Karth
Member of Congress

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CONGRESSIONAL INTERVIEW

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Electoral College:

Mr. Karth favors direct election instead of revising the electoral college procedure. He feels that many states are violently opposed to uniform standards for selecting electors and thus to get revision of the electoral college would be most difficult. Uniform standards for direct election would present fewer problems and possible recount would be more easily accomplished than under present system.

Human Resources:

The Congressman foresees pressures on federal education funds and the reduction of special programs. He cited the change in the Head Start program as an example. Placing it in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare but leaving the funding in the OEO office will make for awkward and difficult administration.

Foreign Policy:

He supports admitting China to the United Nations, but emphasized the difficulty of this possibility considering Mainland China's stated conditions for accepting membership and the opposition to having two Chinas represented. Trade between China and the U.S. should be increased excepting trade in strategic goods, but he feels the present administration is not inclined to remove trade barriers.

He is in favor of unilateral trade with every country in the world. "Countries that trade have closer bonds of friendship because they become interdependent." Trade should be promoted over direct aid. Trade supports the economy of an area with dignity and chance for growth. The general welfare of the public and the economy is served by an active trade program and encourages our industry to be flexible to meet the challenges of unrestrictive trade agreements.

Water:

Mr. Karth continues his interest in the problems of water use and control and has submitted a bill to establish higher federal standards to apply to all states. Since some states have very low or no standards at all, it is difficult to get agreement on higher federal standards. He recognizes both the special problems of industry and its special responsibility in the control of pollution in our total environment.

Since this interview, Mr. Karth has expressed his concern about water standards at the hearings for the new Monticello Atomic Energy Plant. He

has introduced a joint resolution to establish a federal committee on Nuclear Development. The committee's purpose would be to make a comprehensive review of all U.S. nuclear programs involving public use.

A.B.M. System:

When asked about the ABM system, the Congressman cited the complicated technological problems and expressed reservations as to the reliability of the system. He said it might also take away effort and money needed for offensive protection. The stated cost is not realistic and the end product will be more expensive. It is hard to judge the international reactions.

The Interview was held in Mr. Karth's office.

The Leagues represented were Falcon Heights, New Brighton, Arden Hills, Shoreview, St. Paul, White Bear Lake, and Mahtomedi Area.

May 14, 1970

The Honorable Joseph E. Karth
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Karth:

The Minnesota delegation to the League of Women Voters national convention wishes to thank you for joining us for breakfast May 5. The women from your district were especially pleased to have the opportunity to meet with you. We appreciate your comments on the environment and the role of the AEC.

Our convention was a full one. From our deliberations will come the study and action issues for the next two years. We have decided to study environmental problems, alternatives to welfare, and evaluation of Congressional structures, procedures and practices. We will continue to support the several issues we have discussed with you in the past - education, employment, anti-discrimination legislation; funding anti-pollution programs, foreign assistance and trade legislation; electoral college reform, etc.

We are especially concerned to see that there will be some positive results coming from our D.C. Congressional representation drive. You will be interested to know that our members collected 29,906 signatures throughout the state, 3,819 from your district.

Almost universally our members found that the public had not idea that the District did not have a voice in Congress. The public was very willing to urge change when the situation was explained. We hope you will use your influence to urge action by the House Judiciary Committee in the very near future.

We appreciate your meeting with us in Washington. Our members will look forward to renewing the discussion in Minnesota.

cc: Mrs. John Sullivan
Diane Janski
Elizabeth Ebbott

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
National Action Chairman
LWV of Minnesota

Dorothy L. Sullivan

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March 18

Dear Liz

Hope this is not so late as
to be useless. Not a very good
record for the 4th District and
this coordinator did very little
to improve the activity.

I will call you as soon as
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Sincerely

Dorothy Sullivan

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EOA auth. oppose Murphy Amend. (House)	TA #19	10/23	ansured	
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*Tele-
gram**Mr. McCarthy*

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*Roster Nelson Joe Evans**Rees Fulbright monahan McCarthy*

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June 4, 1969

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REP. JOSEPH KARTH INTERVIEWED BY LEAGUE

On March 28, Pat Hartlaub and I, along with seven members of other Leagues in the Fourth Congressional District had the opportunity to interview our Congressman, Joseph Karth. The interview was conducted in Mr. Karth's office in the new Federal Building in St. Paul. We had coffee and spent an hour talking informally, asking questions about areas of League interest and telling Mr. Karth the League's positions on national topics. We found in most cases the League's position and Mr. Karth's opinions were not far apart.

On Foreign Policy considerations in general Mr. Karth feels that we can never understand the problems and objectives of others unless we meet and talk in a forum like the U.N.. He supports the principle that Communist China be admitted to the U.N., but emphasizes that it is not simple to accomplish this. However, he says we will never know if China will do what she says and stick to her position until we invite her to join. He doubts if trade with China will change her attitudes, but is in favor of nonstrategic trade.

Generally Mr. Karth feels that trade is more important than foreign aid. He says, "Countries live on trade, it either makes or breaks a country. Countries that trade have closer bonds of friendship because they become interdependent." Thus he feels that the U.S. should trade with every country in the world. With Communist countries there should be no trade in nonstrategic goods. This opinion is generally in agreement with the League position favoring trade with Communist countries.

Mr. Karth has submitted a bill to establish a commission on environmental quality which would establish higher federal standards that apply to all states for quality of water and air. At present he states, some states have no standards at all which is the reason it is hard to get agreement on high federal standards.

Poverty programs and the Human Resources topic were not extensively discussed. Mr. Karth did state his interest in continuing the Head Start Program and his concern over proposed changes in its content as well as its being moved from OEO to HEW.

Mr. Karth feels that the problem of the present electoral college system cannot be corrected by revision. He favors direct election and feels there will be a real effort in this direction. He thinks that establishing uniform standards in all states for direct election will be less of a problem than trying to establish uniform standards for selection of electors.

The League now has the benefit of knowing our Congressman's views on some particular League positions and also on some other items of general interest.

Joyce Clague



A DAY IN LWV WEEK

To say "the Capitol Rotunda was filled to capacity" would not be an exaggeration! It was an impressive sight! A "centerpiece" of yellow jonquils formed the numeral 50. Around this were Senators and Representatives answering questions and explaining bills to the League of Women Voters from their districts. Senator Robert Ashbach and Rep. Richard Andersen were most helpful and seemed to enjoy the coffee and questions as much as did the Leaguers. At the invitation of Rep. Andersen, many of us observed a House Committee Hearing. After this we hurried to the Senate Chambers to hear Gov. LeVander's resolution proclaiming LWV Week in Minnesota.

Five hundred and fifty League members and friends attended the 50th Anniversary Luncheon at the Lowry Hotel. Mrs. O.J. Janski, president of the LWV of Minnesota, read many letters and telegrams of congratulations before introducing the guest speakers. Gov. LeVander had many words of praise for League and cited several examples where the League's objective views perseverance helped make things possible. Walter Heller, Professor of Economics of the University of Minnesota, spoke of revenue sharing. He said in time the \$64 Billion question will be, "how to divide the national dividends from economic growth." Mrs. Eugenie Andersen, U.S. Ambassador to Denmark, gave several challenges facing the United States and the developed nations of the world; among them the absolute necessity of strengthening the Peace - keeping functions of the United Nations and NATO. Mr. James Hetlund, Chairman of the Metropolitan Council spoke on some of the Metro problems.

A fitting climax to the day was the tea at the Governor's residence. After a brief tour of the house, League members were greeted by Mrs. LeVander, Mrs. Janski, Mrs. Alf Gundersen, National 50th Anniversary Chairman, and Mrs. Charles Johnson, a member of the National Board from Minnesota.

Many New Brighton members attended all day or a part of the day. Each one felt it was a day well spent and were proud to be a part of the League of Women Voters.

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SECOND ROUND STATE PROGRAM

Current state program items are pretty uninspiring, according to discussions held on the subject of state program making at the April unit meetings. Two-thirds of the 29 members at the units decided to retain Financing and Organization of State Government, but without any further study. Three new items received the greatest support, and were thus suggested to the state Board for study for the next two years. The items recommended were a study of the Judicial system, with emphasis on the juvenile aspects; Consumer protection; and welfare. There was complete agreement on keeping Election Laws, Lobby Regulation and Conflict of Interest, and Equality of Opportunity as action items with no new study, as recommended by the state Board. Leaguers who discussed Constitutional Revision were almost unanimously in favor of dropping this as a separate item, and incorporation it under Election Laws and Organization of State Government.

Keep your eyes and ears open during the 1969 State convention, May 21 & 22, and see how much influence the New Brighton League has statewide.

409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55111
May 6, 1969

Mrs. Warren Michael
1454 Skille Lane
St. Paul, Minn. 55112

Dear Lillian,

It was a great pleasure to
be with your Arden Hills League at
the annual meeting. (And I am most
apologetic that I missed the business session.)

If you have need, I would be most
happy to sit in on your program planning
board meeting or any other time. We
will be seeing each other at the president's
workshop and convention. Glad to see
the enthusiasm for an environmental
study. Get in there and fight!

Many thanks for having me.

Sincerely,

L. Elliott

To all 4th Dist. Leagues.

January 1969

September 1967

LWV of Minn., ^{555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minn. 55101} State Organization Service,
~~U. of M., Minneapolis, Minn. 55455~~

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~~Mrs. John Sullivan
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St. Paul, Minn. 55112~~

~~Mrs. Thomas England, 1101 2nd St. N.W.~~

Please return to: ~~Mrs. William Giefer, 134 Montrose Pl.,
St. Paul, Minnesota 55114~~

~~New Brighton, Minn. 55112~~

LWV of Minn., 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minn--February 1969

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Please return to: Mrs. John Sullivan
1429 Skiles Lane
St. Paul, Minnesota 55112

Mrs. Richard Bremicker
1378 Forest Lane
St. Paul, Minnesota 55112

Dear Mrs. Richard Bremicker:

With the new congressional session, we have a change in 4th District Coordinator. For personal reasons, Mrs. England has felt it best to retire. We are very pleased that our new coordinator will be:

Mrs. John Sullivan (Dorothy)
1429 Skiles Lane
St. Paul, Minnesota 55112
Phone: 633-1666

A supply of cards is enclosed.

We hope you will continue to respond promptly to National's Time for Action mailing and will cooperate by letting Dorothy know.

She will be setting up an interview with Karth as soon as possible and will be incontact with you when this is set.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Coordinator

To:
Mrs. Richard Bremicker
Mrs. R. L. Jones
Mrs. Fletcher Driscoll
Mrs. Harald Haugen
Mrs. Walter Parnham - New Brighton
Mrs. Neil Fredrickson
Mrs. Reuel Phillips
Mrs. Raymond Ahrens
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Mrs. James Gardner
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JOSEPH E. KARTH
4TH DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

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November 18, 1968

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

Dear Mrs. Janski:

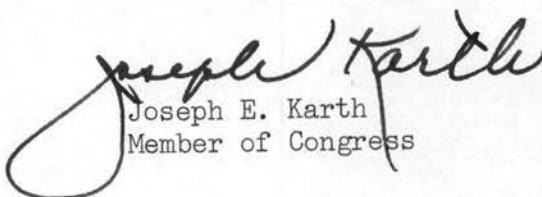
Thank you very much for your recent
letter and remarks concerning the recent election.

I will get in touch with Mrs. England
on my next trip home for an interview as you suggested.

If there is anything further I can
do to be of assistance, please let me know.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Joseph E. Karth
Member of Congress

JEK:pw

REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH E. KARTH - DFL - 4th DISTRICT

Washington address:
2432 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

St. Paul address:
Federal Courts Building
St. Paul, Minn.
228-7869 725-7869
Resident Secretary - Mary Ellen Radman
Legislative Assistant - Mr. Pat Flahaven

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

Born in New Brighton, Minnesota, August 26, 1922; educated in Ramsey County elementary schools and North St. Paul High School; attended the University of Nebraska School of Engineering; education was interrupted after two complete years by a call to combat duty; during service in the European Theater of Operation received a recommendation for a battlefield commission; employed by 3M; international representative of the OCAW-AFL-CIO for 10 years; member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1950-58; married the former Charlotte Nordgren, and they have three sons, Kevin, Bradley and Brian; elected to Congress on November 4, 1958; re-elected in 1960, 62, 64 and 66.

Current Committees:

Committee on Science and Astronautics - 2nd ranking member
Chairman, Subcommittee on Space, Science and Applications
Subcommittee on NASA Oversight
Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries
Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation
Subcommittee on Oceanography
Subcommittee on the Panama Canal

On House roll call votes on key issues in 1966 he:

Voted for appropriations for the rent supplement program
Voted for minimum wage increase and extension of coverage
Voted for Food for Freedom Act
Voted against one year authorization for foreign economic aid instead of two
Voted to keep "open housing" in the Civil Rights Bill
Voted for the Economic Opportunity Bill
Position not known on Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Acts

Interview on December 27, 1965

Water Resources: Rep. Karth is an author of the St. Croix Wild River Bill (still pending 1967). This bill would preserve the unspoiled character of the St. Croix Valley which runs between Minnesota and Wisconsin. It would maintain the valley as a recreational area and prevent increased commercial use. Since this is the only remaining natural river area near Minneapolis and St. Paul, Mr. Karth feels that it is of the utmost importance to preserve it. At present his bill is meeting opposition from all the communities along the river. A corresponding bill in the Senate is authored by Senators Mondale (Minn.) and Nelson (Wis.).

Apportionment of State Legislatures: Mr. Karth is strongly in favor of the one-man, one-vote rule. He does not think a constitutional amendment such as the Dirksen Amendment will be passed by Congress. He remarked that if the question of representation in the U.S. Senate should be raised he would favor the one-man, one-vote principle there also.

Congressman Karth was very prompt in his acceptance of our request for an interview. His attitude toward the League is positive and complimentary. We presented him with the newest Facts and Issues on Water Resources and the Minnesota state publication on Human Resources. The interview was held at Representative Karth's office in St. Paul. The St. Paul League was represented by Mrs. Hunt, president, Mrs. Arthur Boyden, program coordinator, and Mrs. Ronald Nielsen, chairman of the national item on Apportionment. The Minnesota League was represented by Mrs. Watson, state Equality of Opportunity chairman.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION ON REPRESENTATIVE KARTH

Recent votes on issues on which League has a position:

- Recorded as not voting to take up the Economic Opportunity Act. (EOA)
- Voted against cutting \$460 million from EOA.
- Voted for the conference report on the EOA.
- Voted against amending the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title III (innovative educational services) to give the states control of the funds rather than the Office of Education.
- Voted for the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended.
- Recorded as not voting on increased authorization for the Inter-American Development Bank.
- Voted for the Foreign Assistance Act.
- Voted for the foreign aid appropriation.
- Voted against recommitting conference report on appropriations for foreign aid to committee.
- Voted for final appropriations version of the foreign aid bill.

Other votes of interest:

- Voted for the reorganization plan for District of Columbia city government.
- Not voting on the bill providing for an elected board of education for D.C.
- Paired for the rat control bill.
- Voted for the rent supplement bill; for the model cities bill.
- Voted against the conference report on the Subversive Control Act.
- Voted against letting Congressional Districts have a 30% population variation until 1972 and then a 10% variation.
- Voted against the conference report on Congressional redistricting (no population provision).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH E. KARTH - Democratic-Farmer-Labor - Fourth District

Committees: Science and Aeronautics
Merchant Marine and Fisheries

Congressional Activity - 1968:

Key: X for
0 against
NV not voting

Human Resources — Education, Employment, Housing, Civil Rights

1. Funds for Departments of Labor; Health, Education and Welfare;
Related Agencies
0 To cut \$100 million from OEO (defeated 220-181)
X increase in teacher corps funds (passed 228-172)
0 To put ceiling on expenditures (passed 275-126)
2. Conference Committee Report, Supplemental Appropriation Bill:
X To support conference version cutting Head Start from \$25 million to
\$5 million (passed 265-106)
- X 3. Housing Funds
- NV 4. Conference Report, Funds for Housing and Urban Development
5. Preventing discrimination in housing — Civil Rights Act - 1968
X To prevent House version going to conference with the Senate
(passed 229-195)
X To accept the Senate version
- X 6. To establish a commission on Negro history
- NV 7. Busing — vote 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:

- NV 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 the Voyageurs National Park
- X 3. Scenic Rivers Bill (pushed including the St. Croix River)

Foreign Aid and Development:

- X 1. \$412 million subscription to the Inter-American Development Bank

Foreign Aid - continued

2. Foreign Aid Authorization:

- 0 To cut \$165 million from various sections (passed 268-150)
- X Passage of the House version (228-184)
- X Conference Report (196-150)

3. Foreign Aid Appropriations (173-139)

- X Conference report

Other Issues of Interest:

Farm legislation:

- X To put a ceiling of \$20,000 on payments (passed)
- 0 Vote on the bill
- 0 Vote on the conference report - deleting limit (189-172)

X School Lunch Bill

Food Stamp Bill

- X to extend the program 4 years without dollar limit (passed)
- 0 prohibiting strikers and students from participating (defeated 187-158)
- X passage of conference report

X Tax Increase

TV debate among major candidates

- 0 to permit separate, equivalent appearances
- X passage of the bill

X Gun Control legislation, conference report

Bills introduced and other special activities

March, 1968: Urged more intensive efforts to start negotiations on Vietnam.

Authored: Bills:

- To aid against urban deterioration
- To exempt certain public securities from the Securities Act of 1933
- On dumping waste materials in navigable waters
- To prohibit switchblade knives
- To prohibit assigning a serviceman to combat if relative has been killed in combat
- Community Self Determination Act

Resolutions:

- To create a joint committee to investigate crime

November 12, 1968

The Honorable Joseph E. Karth
Federal Courts Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Congressman Karth,

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 wish to thank you for your votes supporting our positions on several subjects--funding foreign aid, fighting against cuts in OEO, support of the Civil Rights Act of 1968. We also appreciate your efforts in presenting water pollution.

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 fourth district, Mrs. Thomas England, New Brighton, 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

Person Responsible for National Time for Action
4th Congressional District

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September 13, 1968

Mrs. Paul A. Moore, Jr.
President
League of Women Voters
2140 14th Street, N. W.
New Brighton, Minnesota 55112

Dear Mrs. Moore:

Thank you for your letter urging my support for legislation to finance research and construction in the treatment of wastes to minimize water pollution.

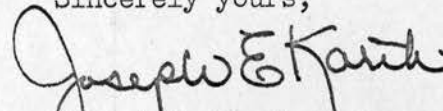
While a bill on the subject, S.3206, has passed the Senate it has not been considered by the House Committee on Public Works and there does not seem to be any prospect now of the Committee taking it up during the remaining weeks of this Congress. Although I realize full well the urgency of action in this matter it does not seem to me the prospects for the enactment and early implementation of such a program are good.

I think you ought to remind your League that I have in the past fully supported legislation both authorizing and appropriating funds for sewerage and treatment works and have actively assisted communities in our district to obtain their share of Federal money for such facilities.

It was very kind of you to advise me of the views of your League on this extremely important issue.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Joseph E. Karth *pw*
Member of Congress

JEK:pw

JOSEPH E. KARTH
4TH DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

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May 2, 1968

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman
League of Woman Voters of Minnesota
555 Wabasha
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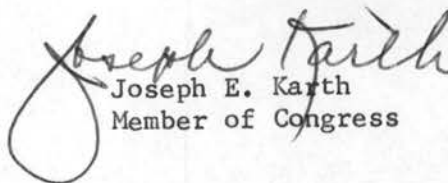
Dear Mrs. Ebbott:

Thank you for your letter urging my opposition to the Hollings amendment to H. R. 15414, the Tax Adjustment bill, which would impose a textile import quota.

I, of course, will do everything I can to resist this step back down the road of Smoot-Hawleyism in international trade. When our country has taken the initiative through the Kennedy Round of tariff reductions and through efforts to eliminate the latest indirect tax "gimmicks" rampant in Common Market, it ill-behooves us to consider seriously such legislation as the textile import quota amendment. I certainly will vote against it when given the opportunity.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in giving me the benefit of your views on this grave matter.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph E. Karth
Member of Congress

JEK:pw

JOSEPH E. KARTH
4TH DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

2432 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
CAPITOL 5-6631

ROBERT E. HESS
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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

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October 24, 1967

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

OCT 26 1967

Dear Mrs. Janski:

I have your letter urging my support for H. J. Res. 396 which proposes a Constitutional Amendment to provide representation in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives for the District of Columbia.


The House Committee on the Judiciary has adopted the Resolution but as yet the report recommending its approval to the House has not been submitted.

As long as I have been in Congress I have pledged my support for full representation for the District. I am pleased that at last this laudable goal is closer to achievement than it has ever been.

You may be sure I will be pleased to vote for the passage of H. J. Res. 396 when it comes before the House.

I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in advising me of your views on this extremely important matter.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph E. Karth

JEK:bt

Wed., Aug. 28, 1968

Mrs. Joe Karth Says:

'Kennedys Added Zest To Washington Life'

By RUTH GAMM

Summer happiness for
Mrs. Joe Karth is getting home

when he gets there," she
said.

Days for a Congressman in

cause of school, she said.

It used to be quite common
for congressmen to maintain

never do such things, what is
wrong?" Mrs. Karth exclaimed
Nicki is a wise dog. He knows
when he's found a friend.





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1101 Second Street Northwest
New Brighton, Minnesota 55112

Dear Mrs. Ebbott-

I have contacted
Mr. Karth's office again
and they could not
give me a definite
appointment but
will try to arrange
something soon as
Mr. Karth will be
in St. Paul in Feb.

I do not feel
I should keep this
portfolio - our year

has not been a normal
one and I am sorry
I have not been
able to accomplish
what I, and you,
had hoped for.

With the beginning
of another session,
I suppose now would
be the time to turn
this material back
to you.

I was not able
to get you by 'phone
hence the letter.

Sincerely
Louise England

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TO: Peggy

FROM: Liz Ebbott

SUBJECT 4th District Congressional
Coordinator

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

555 WABASHA
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101
PHONE: 224-5445

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I got a DHR report by mistake. I sent it about 10:00
these reports stopped coming, I'm swamped!

4th - 1st carth.

Arden Hills x John Sullivan. (Dorothy)
Falcon Heights x R.L. Jones (Betty) Mrs. Ronald E. Nelson
Mahtomedi x (Bev) Driscoll 2516 Beverly Rd.
Maplewood x Harold Haugen St. Paul, 55104

Wm. Brynner.
N. St. Paul x George Feesl
Roseville x (Lorraine) Fredrickson

St. Anthony Arthur Schwalm.

St. Croix Valley x (Gloria) Phillips

St. Paul x (Fran) Boyden

Storview x David Ling

WBL x (Nancy)

New Brighton - Paul Moore

Mrs. Allen Porter
(Jeannine)
1540 7th St. N.W.
New Brighton

William
→ Charlitta Siefert
134 Montrose Place
645-7232

Mrs. Theresa England (Louise)
1101 2nd St. N.W.
New Brighton, Minn 55112
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Mrs. John Sullivan (Dorothy)
1429 Skillee Lane
St. Paul, Minn. 55112
633-1666

NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following nominees for 1967-1968:

President - Mrs. Ralph Nelson
1st Vice-Pres. - Mrs. Arnold Atwood
Rec. Sec. - Miss Marie Kennedy

Board of Directors - Elected members
for 2 years

Mrs. Roderic Lavick
Mrs. Clinton Freeman
Mrs. William MacConnachie

Nominating Committee for 1968

Mrs. Jack Dallman, Chairman
Mrs. Lester Otterson
Mrs. Bruce Brown

Further nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Consent of any nominee must be obtained before a name is submitted.

CHINA

UNIT study for April is on China, which includes many facets. For a start, think over what you have read and heard about such thought-provoking areas as U.N. and the two-China problem, U.S. commitment to Taiwan, Chinese trade with the U.S. and western nations, diplomatic and cultural contacts with China, etc.

The China topic will be with us for some time, so all background material will be of continuing importance. If you haven't obtained a copy of The China Puzzle (cost \$.75) call Virginia Tucker. Several are still available. Read it!

Newspaper and magazine articles on China are overwhelming in number. Come prepared for a lively participation in the topic.

SECOND ROUND, STATE PROGRAM

The State Program was considered by the Board and found to be in close agreement with the selection made at our March meetings. The first three items receiving most interest in state Leagues were:

1. Financing Governmental Services in Minnesota
2. Reorganization of State Government
3. Election Laws

Cloquet preferences reported from the Units were:

1. Financing Governmental Services in Minnesota
2. Rejuvenation of State Government
3. Public Welfare in an Affluent Society

DUES ARE PAYABLE IN APRIL

Member contributions may be included with dues. Member contributions will reduce the number of non-member contributions to be solicited in the Finance Drive.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The filing period for candidates for the School Board begins April 1 and closes April 25. Election will be May 16.

Terms of Walter Nelson and Richard Nordholm expire this year.

--Vicki Gullion

STAFF

Editor	Marie Kennedy
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Mailing	Pat Sanford

Fourth -

9/26 - Elected Bd of Ed - D.C. - Not voting

4/27 Congressional District size 30% variation until 1972 then 10%
② Passed 289-63 Against

5/24 Amend to E1 + 2 Ed Act, Title III to be allotted by state
③ Dept of Ed Accepted 230-185 Against

7/20 - Rat control - Rejected 176-207 Passed for

8/24 - Inter American Development Bank - increased authorization Passed ~~225~~ 225-122
Not recorded

8/9 - Resolution to disapprove D.C. plan - Rejected 160-244
Against

10/29 HODs -
For rent supplement - Against recommitting to committee, insisting on disagreement
For model cities.
For - conference report, Against recommitting
Against - recommitting congressional redistricting
Against - conference report. ~ ~

11/5 Voted against reducing quota on extra-long - staple cotton.

11/12 - Not voting to take up EOA

11/16 - Voted For Foreign Assistance Act Voted Against Cut
To Cut 460 m from EOA (P-221-190) - For B.I.

11/17 - To recommit foreign assistance approp. to Committee (Defeated) (135-177) - Against

Foreign aid approp (Passed 167-143) - For

11/21 - To register Communist organizations (Passed 269-104) - Against

12/8 - EO Act amendments - conference report (passed 247-149) - For

Subversive Control Act - conference report (passed 276-114) - Against

Recommit conference report - approp. Foreign assist (passed 196-185) - Against

12/15 - Foreign aid approp (passed 198-158) - For

Ed. Secondary Ed. amend. (passed 286-73) - For

Willow Lane School
3375 Willow Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minnesota
September 12, 1967

Dear Parents,

The faculty and staff of Willow Lane School welcomes you to the new school year. We are in the second year of operation and are indeed happy to have your child with us. We hope his school work at Willow will be rewarding and that the next nine months will be filled with happy, satisfying experiences.

Your child comes in contact with most of us at Willow. So you know the names, here are the certified and classified people who work at Willow:

Kindergarten: Mrs. Joyce Ramseth
Mrs. Karen Reubish
First Grades: Mrs. Beverly Anderson
Mrs. Kudy Keiffer
Mrs. Sherry Engen
Mrs. Mary Percival
Second Grade: Mrs. Phyllis Sorenson
Mrs. Mary Phaneuf
Miss Mary Kreger
Third Grade: Mrs. Karen Fairchild
Mrs. Gloria Brunzell
Miss Virginia Conati
Fourth Grade: Mrs. Jacquelyn Kennen
Mrs. Cynthia Legler
Miss Patricia Marquardt
Fifth Grade: Miss Betty Schmoker
Mr. Eugene Schutte
Miss Kay Krueger
Sixth Grade: Mrs. Dale Engebretsen
Mrs. Genevieve Ferry
Mr. Robert Bergstrom
Primary Special: Mrs. Jean Whitney
Lower Intermediate Special: Miss Diane Paulson
Upper Intermediate Special: Miss Ruth Holmes
Music Teacher: Mrs. Martha Lund
Physical Education Teacher: Mr. Jerome Perron
Remedial Reading Teacher: Mrs. Dorothy Davidson
Psychologist: Mr. Robert Belknap
Speech Correctionist: Mr. Donald Besser
Sight Saving Teacher: Miss Audrey Maki
Librarian: Miss Janice Kriesel
Library Secretary and Lunch Clerk: Mrs. Delores Molland
Nurse: Mrs. JoAnn Williams
Principal's Secretary: Mrs. Marian Meier
Head Cook: Mrs. Lorraine Raschke
Second Cook: Mrs. Esther Palm
Kitchen Help: Mrs. Imogene Weber, Mrs. Diane Smith
Lunchroom Supervisors: Mrs. Dorothy Tschida, Mrs. Joyce Amundson
Playground Supervisors: Miss Rory Freas, Miss Rory Mishler
Day Custodian: Mr. Clifford Hawthorne
Night Custodian: Mr. Harold Sherrard
Matron: Mrs. Myrtle Hickie

This staff of 44 will do all they can to make your child have a good year at Willow. If you have a question regarding your child or the school program, call 429-5391, extension 76 or 77.

M TO: Peggy

E FROM: Liz Ebbott

M SUBJECT 4th District Congressional
O Coordinator

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O DATE 3/26/68

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I'm so pleased you will be taking on this job. Eventually you will receive:

- 1-From National - a Time for Action mailing each time letters are requested.
- 2-From the State office - Several background-interview sheets on McCarthy, Mondak & Keith; the list of your contacts in the 12 leagues on expense sheet - any expense you have are reimbursable - send into the State Office.
- 3-I am enclosing - A procedures sheet
Outlook for Action this year
Congressional Record reference to Keith.
- 4- Possibly Charlotte Gietter will send a long list of files - If you want to contact her, she is at 134 Montrose Place, St. Paul. 55114
645-7232

PROCEDURES IN RESPONSE TO A NATIONAL TIME FOR ACTION

1. The Local League will select one person to be responsible for national Time for Action responses. Let your Congressional District Coordinator and the state office know her name, address and phone number. (She will often be the president as the Time for Action mailing comes to her and usually the official letter goes out over her signature.)
2. The Local League, when a Time for Action call comes, should carefully note when a response is needed. It is usually immediate.
3. The Local League will send an official local League letter within five days. Make four carbons - for the national office, state office, coordinator, your files. Instead of carbons, you can use the Time for Action response card to notify the coordinator of your action, or the reason for you not taking action, if it is more convenient. (Or you could even call her and tell her the action you have taken.)
4. The Coordinator will receive a Time for Action mailing directly from national, paid for by the state. Her expenses for postage will be reimbursed by the state.
5. The Coordinator, if she hasn't received a carbon of a letter or a card or a phone call within seven days of receiving a Time for Action, will call or write her contact within the League reminding her. (This depends upon the time limit on the Time for Action.)
6. The Local League will do as much additional action as possible - letters from members, information in the bulletin, contacts with outside groups, newspapers, radio, TV publicity, etc. Send Time for Action response cards or letters telling of these activities to your coordinator. News items telling of League action should be sent to your coordinator. Brag a little!
7. The Coordinator from time to time will summarize League activity in her district and distribute this to her local League contacts with a copy to the state office.
8. The Local League will send material pertaining to its Congressman's stands on League positions to the coordinator. (Congressional newsletters, news items, letters from your Congressman, summary of personal talks, etc.)
9. The Coordinator from time to time will summarize pertinent information about the Congressman and distribute this to her local League contacts with a copy to the state office.
10. For the U.S. Senators, follow the same procedures with the coordinator sending any information on to the state office. State from time to time will send back a summary of this material to the local Leagues.

How to write:

The Honorable Walter F. Mondale
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Eugene J. McCarthy
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Representatives:
The Honorable _____
House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Mondale,

Dear Senator McCarthy,

Dear Mr. _____, or
Dear Congressman _____,

Local address:

110 S. 4th St., Minneapolis
Phone: 334-2041

Federal Courts Bldg., St. Paul
Phone: 228-7176

1967

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

Mrs. William Giefer
134 Montrose Pl.
St. Paul, Minn. 55114

Dear Charlotte,

It was good to hear of the 4th District's response to Times for Action. You are off to a good start, and I hope it has kept up. Irene Janski has written you about setting up an interview with Mr. Karth. According to the Minneapolis paper, he will be in Florida for Christmas, but I would imagine that he should be back in Saint Paul sometime before Congress reconvenes on January 15. You can set up the interview as you wish. There should be at least two Leaguers and you can invite all of your contact people throughout your district. I would be happy to come if it is at all possible.

I am trying to tidy up some odds and ends before Christmas. Enclosed is a reprint of some backgrounding on National CRs that we sent out last month in the Minnesota State Board Memo. I had hoped to work up a summary sheet of my file on Karth to supplement the information you have no doubt collected. However, I'm not going to be able to get this done until after Christmas. I will eventually get it done and then it should be combined with your information and the interview to be sent out to your Leagues. (If you should be one of those lucky ones that can get away this time of year, would you let me know. I'd be glad to help out arranging the interview if you can't be here. It is important that the League meets with Karth.)

A very Merry Christmas! Thank you for the good beginnings you have made of the job. I'll be in touch with you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Coordinator



4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

(NOT PRINTED AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE)

January 1968

Dear Friends:

A little over a year ago the news media were heaping praise upon the 89th Congress and the Johnson Administration as having accomplished more than any other Congress or Administration in history.

Despite these great gains, today Vietnam, perhaps more than anything, has frustrated that record of progress. In past months I have privately and publicly disagreed somewhat with Administration policy in Vietnam. However, I strongly feel that the most successful way to change these areas of difference is to maintain a continuing dialogue with the Administration. When necessary, I have every intention of offering constructive criticism in order to better both our own nation and the world in which we live.

In my view, however, whether it be a President, a Congressman, a governor, or a local mayor, a public official must be judged upon the total record. Administration achievements speak clearly for themselves — certainly no Administration in such trying times has chronicled finer overall accomplishment.

As we look back on the legislative scene, the first session of the 90th Congress was mainly one of building upon the progress made by the 89th Congress. Some of the important measures which were passed and signed into law were: Social Security and veterans benefit increases; improvements in the Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education Acts; and extensions of the Economic Opportunity, Food Stamp, Peace Corps, Urban Mass Transportation, Community Mental Health Centers, and Older Americans programs.

Significant progress was made in the public protection area with the Clean Meat Act, the Flammable Fabrics Act amendments, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the establishment of a commission to combat traffic in obscene and pornographic materials.

Awaiting further consideration in the new session is legislation in the worrisome field of public security such as the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Enforcement, Anti-riot, and Flag Desecration bills, all of which have already passed the House of Representatives.

In addition, a bill I introduced curbing distribution of unsolicited credit cards has been re-submitted under co-sponsorship with Congressmen from all parts of the nation now in support. Hopefully, early in the new session this bill offering consumer protection from mail theft can be scheduled for hearings and brought to a vote. We mean to do all we can to afford the public relief from unnecessary loss.

As the second Congressional session begins, on behalf of my wife Charlotte and the rest of my family, I wish you each the best of everything for the New Year. Most of all, may



Robert Hess, my Administrative Assistant is of course an immense asset to my Washington staff. No stranger to most of you, Bob is shown in the picture at the left. In the picture above, our secretary, Beatrice (Beachie) Tyler, is preparing this issue of the NEWSLETTER with my legislative assistant and press man, Roger Erfourth.



Above are Bill Wells, technical assistant and Pat Weitzell, my personal secretary. Bill is my expert in military and space affairs, and Pat my extra right arm.



Ed Tonat has been with me from my first term in Congress back in 1959. Ed is the anchor man on my legislative assistant team and is shown above working on the flood of material that came in recently concerning saving the deer at the Twin City arsenal.

Shown below moving into my new District office in the Federal Building are my assistant Pat Flahaven, and long-time St. Paul office secretary Mary Ellen Radman.



MEET MY STAFF...

One of a Congressman's most important duties is to provide his constituent's with an able Congressional team who can help people with Federal problems. It is a real pleasure for me to introduce to you the folks who out of-the-public-spotlight work continuously to assist me with Fourth District concerns. Each of them joins me this month in personally wishing you all —



FOR A PEACEFUL AND
PROSPEROUS

NEW YEAR

October 19, 1967

The Honorable Joseph Karth
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Karth:

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 of Columbia 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 a voice in Congress equal to that of other citizens of the United States.

We feel that this is an action long overdue and urge your favorable vote on HJR 396.

Sincerely,

Mrs. C. J. Janski
President

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
National Program Chairman

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TO: LWV of U.S.

FROM: LWV of Minnesota

SUBJECT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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

DATE August 15, 1967

Please cancel the Time for Action mailing from: Mrs. Ronald E. Nielsen
2516 Beverly Road
St. Paul, Minn. 55104

to: Mrs. William Giefer
134 Montrose Place
St. Paul, Minn. 55104

Person Responsible for National Tie for Action
4th Congressional District

4th District Coordinator: Mrs. William Giefer Phone: 645-7232
(Charlotte)
-134 Montrose Place,
St. Paul, Minn. 55114

<u>League</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Position</u>
Arden Hills	Mrs. Joseph North 1136 Carlton Drive St. Paul, Minn 55112	484-1526	President
Falcon Heights	Mrs. Donald Irish 1893 Arona St. Paul, Minn.	36 645-9637	Nat. Item
Mahtomedi Area	Mrs. Fletcher Driscoll RR #2 Stillwater, Minn. 55082	439-1178	President
Maplewood	Mrs. Harold Haugen 1760 Onacrest Curve St. Paul, Minn. 55117	488-5030	President
New Brighton	Mrs. Paul Moore 2150 14th St. N.W. New Brighton, Minn. 55112	633-8309	President
North St. Paul	Mrs. Robert Logue 2355 Jackpine Trail North St. Paul 55109	777-6004	Nat. Item
Roseville	Mrs. Neil Fredrickson 1806 N. Lexington St. Paul, Minn. 55113	489-6452	President
St. Anthony	Mrs. Frank Medved 3728 Foss Rd. Minneapolis, Minn.	788-4281	Nat. Item
St. Croix Valley	Mrs. Reuel Phillips Box 825 Lakeland, Minn. 55043	436-8888	President
St. Paul	Mrs. William Giefer 134 Montrose Place St. Paul, Minn. 55114	645-7232	Action Chrm
Shoreview	Mrs. James Gardner 1008 Ingerson Rd St. Paul, Minn. Mrs. Wm. Steward 4888 Nottingham Pl. St. Paul, Minn.	5413 484- (Developing Human Resources) 484-1404 (Trade, Aid, Water, D.C.)	National- National
White Bear Lake	Mrs. L.V. Rozycki 33 E. Oaks Rd White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110	484-7022	President

- 4th Congressional District -

Area	Person to be contacted	Address	Phone	Position
on H. Hs	Mrs. Joseph North - 484-1526	1136 Carlton Drive St. Paul 55112		
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St. Paul				
Storeview	Mrs. Mary James Gardner - EOA Mrs. John Wm. Steward - A.I. Trade Waters D.C.	1008 Ingerson Rd. 4888 Nottingham Pl.	484-543 484-1404	Nat'l. Nat'l.
White Bear Lake	Mrs. L. V. Rozycki	33 E. Oaks Rd. W.B.L. 55110	484-7022	Pres.

~~John~~

cc: Mrs. William Gieffer.
Same to Pres. of: Arden Hills
Salmon Hgts.
Montomede Area
Maplewood
New Brighton
St. Paul
Roseville

St. Craig Valley
St. Paul
Shoreview
White Bear Lake

409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110
August 4, 1967

Mrs. Harold Haugen, President
League of Women Voters of Maplewood
1760 Onacrest Curve
St. Paul, Minnesota 55117

Dear Mrs. Haugen:

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. I believe we can all benefit from evaluating our procedures.

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Wednesday, August 23rd at 10:00 a.m., we would like to meet with the Presidents and/or those who will be concerned with national Time for Action responses for the 4th Congressional District. Mrs. William Gieffer, 134 Montrose Place, St. Paul is the 4th District Coordinator and will be at the meeting. It will be at my house - 409 Birchwood Ave., White Bear Lake. Bring children if you wish. (The map might help - our driveway is at the "Dead End" sign on Birchwood Ave.)

The enclosed sheet has questions for discussion on the areas we will be getting into. It will help us all if you could think through your situation and offer your comments at the meeting. Please contact me if your League cannot attend. (Phone 426-3643)

I am looking forward to meeting with you on the 23rd.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman

Enclosure

409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110
August 4, 1967

Mrs. John Sullivan, President
League of Women Voters of Arden Hills
1429 Skiles Lane
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Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman

Enclosure

409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110
August 4, 1967

Mrs. R. L. Jones, President
League of Women Voters of Falcon Heights
1596 Vincent
St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

Dear Betty:

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How are your plans coming for next year? Have you set your calendar yet? Let me know if I can be of any help. Hoping your League will be able to be represented on the 23rd.

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409 Birchwood Avenue
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Mrs. Fletcher Driscoll, President
League of Women Voters of Mahtomedi Area
RR #2
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

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[Hope you or someone can make it on the 23rd.]

Very truly yours,

Enclosure

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman

409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110
August 4, 1967

Mrs. Reuel Phillips, President
League of Women Voters of St. Croix Valley
Box 825
Lakeland, Minnesota 55043

Dear Gloria:

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409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110
August 4, 1967

Mrs. Arthur C. Boyden, President
League of Women Voters of St. Paul
389 Otis
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Dear Fran:

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Perhaps Charlotte counts as your representative, but we'd love to have you come too on the 23rd, if you can make it. Hope you survive the wedding.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman

Enclosure

409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110
August 4, 1967

Mrs. L. V. Rozycki, President
League of Women Voters of White Bear Lake
33 East Oaks Road
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110

Dear Nancy:

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TO: Mrs. Arthur Schwalm, President
LWV of St. Anthony

FROM: Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman

SUBJECT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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

DATE August 4, 1967

The 4th District meeting will be held Wednesday, August 23rd at 10:00 am
at my house - 409 Birchwood Avenue, White Bear Lake.

A map is enclosed - the driveway is at the "Dead End" sign on Birchwood Ave.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS ON HANDLING CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

- I. What do you know about your US Representative?
 - a. Do you have a file on him?
 - b. Do you get his newsletter?
 - c. Have you asked him his views on areas he's concerned with that coincide with League interest? (Quie-poverty; Nelsen-D.C.; Fraser-Foreign Affairs, D.C.; Blatnik-Water, Asian Development Bank; etc.)
- II. Who gives him national League publications?
- III. How does your League handle a national Time for Action?
 - a. Is the President responsible? Is one Board member responsible?
 - b. Who writes the official League letter?
 - c. How do you communicate with your members?
 - d. How do you reach the community? (Do you have lists of those interested in specific legislation prepared in advance?)
 - e. What use do you make of the background information that accompanies a Time for Action?

SUGGESTION OF POSSIBLE PROCEDURES IN RESPONSE TO A NATIONAL TIME FOR ACTION

- I. Carefully note when action is needed. It is usually immediate.
- II. Send an official local League letter within 5 days -- 4 carbons -- to National, to State, to Coordinator, for your files.
- III. Do as much additional action as possible - letters from members, information in your bulletin, contacts with outside groups, newspapers, radio, TV publicity, etc. Send in cards (supplied to you in advance) showing these activities - to State, to Coordinator.
- IV. Send news items showing League action to State Office and Coordinator. Send material pertaining to your Congressman's stands on League positions to State and Coordinator. (Congressional newsletters, news items, letters from your Congressman, summary of personal talks, etc.)
- V. The Coordinator will receive a Time for Action mailing directly from national.
- VI. The Coordinator, if she hasn't received a carbon of a letter within 7 days of receiving a Time for Action, will call or write her contact within the League reminding her - (depending upon the time limit on the Time for Action.)
- VII. The Coordinator from time to time will summarize League activity in her district and pertinent information about the Congressman and distribute this to her local League contact person (a copy to State).

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TO: Liz Ebbott

FROM: Peggy

SUBJECT T for A coordinator

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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

DATE 6/29/67

I understand the 4th district needs a new coordinator. Unless you particularly want someone from St. Paul, I would suggest Mrs. Allan Porter, past president of New Brighton. New Brighton has been doing an excellent job of responding to Ts for A - done regularly and well-written letters. I think she might be good for this job.

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Coordinating Committee for Action on National Program
Minnesota Fourth Congressional District

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Local League represented	Local League Position	Name	Address	Phone
St. Paul	National Program	Mrs. Ronald E. Nielsen (Mary) (Coordinator)	2516 Beverly Rd. St. Paul, 55104	646-5413
Arden Hills	Pres.	Mrs. John Sullivan	1429 Skiles Lane St. Paul, 55112	633-1666
Falcon Hts.	National Program	Mrs. Donald Irish (Betty)	1893 Arona Falcon Hts., 55113	645-9637
Mahtomedi	National Program	Mrs. McNeil Seymour (Alice)	1474 Hallam Ave. Mahtomedi	426-3708
Maplewood	Pres.	Miss Dorothy Arbore	2534 Minnehaha Ave. E. St. Paul, 55119	739-8340
No. St. Paul	National Program	Mrs. Robert Logue (Ruthmary)	2355 Jackpine Trail No. St. Paul, 55109	777-600
Roseville	National Program	Mrs. Robert Hiller (Mary)	1000 W. Co. Rd. C Roseville	484-5218
St. Croix Valley	Pres.	Mrs. C. M. Nelson (Pat)	1422 N. 1st St. Stillwater, 55082	439-6373 (toll)
Shoreview	Pres	Mrs. W. C. Englund (Joanne)	1035 Cobb Road St. Paul, 55112	484-2863
White Bear Lake	National Program	Mrs. Alan Woolworth (Nancy)	515 Wellon White Bear Lake 55110	429-4091
State Board	National Program	Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel	3912 York Ave. So. Minneapolis	920-3315
		League of Women Voters of Minnesota	Social Science Bldg. Univ. of Minn. 55455	373-2959

M TO: Mrs Ronald E. Nielsen
E 2516 Beverly Road
M FROM: St. Paul, 55104
O Hannah Daniel, state Board
SUBJECT 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 Mrs. Nielsen:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your March 23rd letter to the Mailbag editor of the St. Paul Dispatch- Pioneer Press.

I am convinced that the state League's project of having a committee and a coordinator in each congressional district will be of assistance to local Leagues in responding to Times for Action from the state and national offices.

The Leagues in the IVth congressional district are fortunate in having you as their coordinator.

Sincerely

March 23, 1966

Mailbag Editor
St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press
55 E. 4th Street
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Editor:

March 29 is the fifth anniversary of the ratification of the 23rd Amendment, which gave the District of Columbia the privilege of voting for President and Vice President. But its 800,000 citizens still suffer from taxation without representation--a condition which provoked our ancestors to sound the battle cry of Revolution almost 200 years ago.

Its citizens are still denied the privilege of voting for local officials who would have the authority to enact and enforce laws relating to purely local affairs and to determine how local tax money should be collected and allocated. At the present time, both legislative and fiscal responsibility for the District rests with Congress. In effect, Washington has a city council of 535 members, none of whom are answerable to its citizens. And purely local District bills must go through all the same legislative steps as national legislation.

This date should be a reminder for citizens who enjoy local self government to lend their support for Home Rule for their fellow citizens, the residents of the District. The Congressmen from all over the United States who will decide the form of government for District residents need to know what their constituents think. Citizens of Washington have no Congressmen to whom to appeal. Indications of our concern to our Representatives and Senators is a way in which we can assist them.

There is no doubt that the citizens of the District want self-government. In the primary elections of 1964, Democrats and Republicans voted 6 to 1 in favor of home rule. And when they voted in the November elections, the first time they had cast their ballots in a general election since 1871, Washingtonians led the nation in turning out 90% of the registered electorate.

The Senate and the House in 1965 passed two vastly different bills for home rule for the District. In 1960 it took less than 5 months for the House and Senate to reconcile their differences on the joint resolution which led to

the 23rd Amendment. The time has now come for the two houses of Congress to finish the job they started in 1965 and to agree on a workable bill to provide meaningful self-government for the people of Washington, D. C. We urge your readers to express their support in letters to our Senators and Representatives.

Yours truly,

Mrs. John Sullivan, President, League of Women Voters
of Arden Hills

Mrs. Harry Foreman, President, League of Women Voters
of Falcon Heights

Mrs. Harold Landeen, President, League of Women Voters
of Mahtomedi

Miss Dorothy Arbore, President, League of Women Voters
of Maplewood

Mrs. Leonard Kuehn, President, League of Women Voters
of North St. Paul

Mrs. Irvin Scheel, President, League of Women Voters
of Roseville

Mrs. Leo W. Hertog, President, League of Women Voters
of St. Anthony

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of St. Croix Valley

Mrs. Richard F. Hunt, President, League of Women
Voters of St. Paul

Mrs. W. C. Englund, President, League of Women Voters
of Shoreview

Mrs. Neil Franey, President, League of Women Voters
of White Bear Lake

(Note to State Board: We enclosed Questions and Answers on Home Rule for the District, and thermofax of Capitol Hill info on reverse side of latest D.C. Home Rule Action memo.-- Mrs. R. E. Nielsen, coordinator.)

We also sent support to the D. C. LWV over above signatures.

League of Women Voters

of Roseville SAINT PAUL 13, MINNESOTA

March 7, 1966

Mrs. Lewis Daniel, National Program Ch.

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State Organization Service

University of Minnesota

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Daniel,

The Roseville League of Women Voters representative at the meeting on March 13 will be Mrs. Robert (Mary) Hiller, 1000 W. County Rd. C, St. Paul, Minnesota 55113.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ivin Scheel, Pres.

League of Women Voters of Roseville

March 1, 1966

Mrs. John Sullivan, President
League of Women Voters of Arden Hills
1429 Skiles Lane
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Sullivan,

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. Ronald Nielsen from the League of Women Voters of St. Paul has accepted the responsibility of being the coordinator for the fourth 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. Nielsen and members of the state Board on Friday, March 18, at 1:15 p.m. at the St. Paul League office, 26 East Exchange. Please let us know if your League can have a representative at this meeting, and who she will be.

Thank you for your cooperation in this enterprise.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lewis Daniel
National Program Chairman