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DFL 5th District - February 2, 1973

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Movements

State Department Organization and Foreign
Operations

National Security Policy and Scientific
Developments

District of Columbia Committee, 2nd ranking Democrat

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Labor, Social Services, International Community

Democratic Study Group Task Force on Congressional Reforms

Congress and the President

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Trade Policy

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1200 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403

Telephone: 333-6319

January 25, 1973

C O P Y

The Honorable Donald Fraser
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Interview with the LWV of the Fifth District
2 February 1973, 3:30 p.m.

Dear Don:

We are delighted to have a Congressman who scored 100% on the Political Accountability Rating of the League of Women Voters of the United States!

League concerns remain much the same as they were last session with some modification in legislative priorities. For this session of the 93rd Congress the LWVUS has placed solid waste legislation as the first priority in domestic legislation and trade legislation as the first priority in international legislation. The League continues its strong commitment to welfare reform but recognizes that meaningful legislation in this area will be difficult to achieve this session.

The League has added one new goal to its national legislative program: the achievement of legislation recognizing the special needs of American Indians. In keeping with this the LWVUS plans to support the bill reintroduced by Senators Proxmire and Nelson to restore federal services and trust status to the Menominee tribe.

We in the Fifth District look forward to hearing your views on the enclosed points, and on any other big issues that interest you in the 93rd Congress.

Sincerely,

Barbara H. Flanigan
Fifth District Coordinator
League of Women Voters

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January 1973

QUESTIONS FOR INTERVIEW WITH CONGRESSMAN DONALD FRASER

2 February 1973, 3:30 p.m.

Congress and the Presidency

*Congress more in 50's. Power hasn't diminished
No faith in President - less than will work at wrong time.*
One of the biggest issues confronting this Congress appears to be the balance of power between the President and Congress. From press reports the House is less ready to challenge the President than is the Senate.

Do you foresee major attempts to challenge presidential influence in this session? What measures, if any, do you think would be effective in this regard?

Leadership provides not leads.
Do you view the apparent erosion of congressional power as a short-term aberration or a long-term reality? How serious do you think it is?

Congressional Reform

Reforms - (Steering Committee - Leadership - 1. on. and terms. 2. on. term. alternative. Security)
We know that you have taken a leading role in efforts to reform House procedures this year. How would you rate the changes in Democratic House organization and House rules in terms of meaningful reform?

Do you think congressional reform will enable Congress to play a more effective initiating role in national policy?

Trade

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The League of Women Voters is in the process of reaching a new position on certain aspects of foreign trade. We would very much appreciate your views on these questions:

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How will increasing competition from Japan and United Europe affect US trade? Do their policies mean that we must also erect trade barriers? If so, is this an argument for the multinational corporation?

In your opinion should the US adopt policies to regulate the multinational trade corporations? If so, what policies? If not, why don't you favor regulation?

What is your position on the Burke-Hartke bill on trade and foreign investments?

What is your position on adjustment assistance? Do you think an adjustment assistance bill - well written and clearly enforced - would be workable? Is it politically feasible to try this approach again?

Domestic Social Legislation

It appears from presidential statements and actions that there is little likelihood of executive initiative for large programs in this area. It seems that existing programs may be further curtailed. What can Congress do about this? Is there a strong congressional majority in this area?

Specifically, what can we realistically hope for in these areas:

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Welfare

The LWVUS has established five basic minimal provisions which it considers essential to any real welfare reform: a) a federalized system providing a realistic minimum income for recipients, b) mandatory state supplementation so no qualified recipient receives reduced benefits, c) assistance for the working poor, d) no less than the federal minimum wage for required work and e) determination of eligibility based on current need.

How do you assess the chances of passage of real welfare reform during the 93rd Congress?

Do you think it likely that more punitive legislation will pass?

If meaningful welfare reform appears unlikely, do you see any other possible legislative strategies which you would support to alleviate poverty?

Housing

What will replace the federal housing programs? Will Congress take the initiative in this area?

What are the prospects for operating subsidies to local housing and redevelopment authorities to continue funding existing public housing programs?

Education

What are the prospects for continuation of Title I programs under the ES?

Do you think the anti-busing forces may have suffered a decline since the election?

Energy Policy

The recent fuel crisis in Minnesota has highlighted some of the problems of fuel supply in the United States. We note that you and Congressman Frenzel introduced a bill to eliminate quotas on fuel oil imports in this area.

How likely is the development of a long-term national energy policy? What features would you wish to incorporate in such a policy?

What changes would you make in present domestic arrangements for producing fuel? In present controlled prices? In the oil depletion allowance?

District of Columbia

How do you assess the prospects for DC Home Rule in this session?

Who is now chairman of the House DC Committee? — *whie keen got.*

As you may know, the LWVUS is now pushing for home rule in a national campaign in February. Can you give us any suggestions to make the campaign more effective?

Structural change -

Breck Adams -



Ralph Nader Congress Project Citizens Look at Congress

Donald M. Fraser

Democratic Representative
from Minnesota

written by Margaret Carpenter



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FRASER

Handwritten: Humphrey L. N. V.

A day with him in 5th District has plenty of stops but no rest

By PETER ACKERBERG
Minneapolis Star Staff Writer

"DAD, do you think you'll win or lose this time?"
Jean Fraser, age 9, asked her father.

Her father, Minnesota's 5th District congressman, paused and replied:

"Well," Fraser said, "there'll be a lot of water over the dam by the time this is over."

"I suppose you feel like you're campaigning now, huh?" asked a long-time friend, Clarence Johnson, the union's business agent.

"Yeah," smiled Fraser.



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Dear Congressman Fraser,

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We have enclosed a number of specific concerns and questions. We hope we can discuss at least some of them with you at our upcoming interview.

We are also enclosing two exploratory studies of federal housing programs in the Minneapolis area S235 and the scattered site housing programs for your information; also a survey of Minneapolis Civil Service Employment by Racial and Sexual Status.

Sincerely yours,



Barbara Flanigan
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cc: Congressman Fraser's
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including enclosures

League of Women Voters of Minneapolis, 1200 Second Avenue South, 55403 March 1972

Concerns and Questions

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April 20, 1972

The Honorable Donald M. Fraser
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Fraser:

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota we appreciate your making time available to meet with our members in your district Thursday, April 6 in Minneapolis. These sessions are always very useful to the Leagues.

The League thanks you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
National Action Chairman

cc: Barbara Flanigan

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION OF LEAGUE INTEREST

92nd Congress - 1st Session

Donald Fraser - DFL - 5th District

Committees: Foreign Affairs - 10th ranking Democrat
District of Columbia
Chairman, Democratic Study Group.
National Democratic Party.

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

Led unsuccessful fight in Democratic caucus to remove the chairman of the D.C. Committee. The current chairman was approved on a vote of 126-96.

Tried for appointment to House Ways and Means Committee (2/4/1971). Lost on the Democratic caucus vote(119-104)

HUMAN RESOURCES

- X --Accelerated Public Works Act, to delete \$2 billion not budgeted...Defeated 128-262 (4/22/71 - #66)
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- 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 female undergraduate schools from "pro-

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- hibition of sex discrimination" - Committee of the Whole, Passed 194-189 (11/4/71 - #349)
- X --same amendment, Passed the House 186-181 (11/4/71 - #360)
- X --Amendment to remove Ethnic Heritage Studies, Passed 200-159 (11/4/71 - #352)
- X --Amendment to postpone any U.S. District Court order forcing busing for racial balance until the U.S. Supreme Court has the opportunity to act on any appeal (Broomfield Amendment). Passed 235-125 (11/4/71 - #354)
- X --Amendment that the federal government can't force states to spend state or local funds on programs for which federal funds can't be used (busing for racial balance- Green Amendment). Passed 231-126 (11/4/71 - #355)
- X --Amendment to exempt from the prohibition of using funds for busing local schools carrying out plans pursuant to court orders. Defeated 146-216 (11/4/71 - #356)
- X --Point of order removing the amendment (Ashbrook Amendment) that prohibits using any federal funds for busing to overcome racial imbalance. Overruled 233-124 (11/4/71 - #357)
- X --Point of order removing Emergency School Aid Act (Hr2266- Pucinski Amendment) as an amendment. Overruled 211-160 (11/4/71 - #359) (The amendment contains the antibusing provision)
- X --To consider the Family Assistance Bill (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 (6/22/71 - #156)
- X --Family Assistance Bill...Passed 288-132 (6/22/71 - #157)
- X --To forbid food stamps to households where a member is on strike...Defeated 172-225 (6/23/71 - #161)
- X Co-author joint resolution to maintain food stamps at present levels.
- X --School Lunch and Breakfast program - Passed 354-0 (10/18/71 - #303) Spoke in favor of the bill.
- X --HUD Appropriations, conference report...Passed 362-30 (7/29/71 - #215)
- Author, low interest, home improvement loans.
- X --Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Act. - Erlernborn 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) Spoke in opposition.
- 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, resolution to declare that termination of federal responsibility for Indians is not federal policy.
- 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)

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- X --Amendment to lower poverty level for day care provisions to conform to HR 1 level. Committee of the Whole. Defeated 187-189 (9/30/71 - #272)
- X --same amendment, Passed the House 191-180 (9/30/71 - #277)
- X --Amendment, Comprehensive Child Development Program. Passed 186-183 (9/30/71 - #276)
- X --Amendment to remove the Legal Services Corporation - Defeated 152-210 (9/30/71 - #275)
Co-author, National Legal Services Corporation.
- 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)
Chief 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 --Fraser's amendment to restore \$50 million for U.S. contribution to the UN Development Program. Defeated 119-268 (12/8/71 - #440)
Co-signer of a letter to Ambassador Bush that he will not support nor condone retaliation by the U.S. against the UN by withdrawing financial support. Spoke against a backlash on the UN vote.
- X Accepting the Conference Committee's Military Procurement Authorization Bill, Sect. 503 (removing the embargo on importing chrom ore from Rhodesia) - Passed 252-101 (11/10/71 - #379) - Led the effort to remove this section.

VOTING RIGHTS

- X --Constitutional Amendment, 18 year old vote - Passed 401-19 (3/23/71 - #27)
Election of the President - co-author, Direct Election of the President.

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Author, to create a Select Committee on the District of Columbia (12/15/71)

OTHER ISSUES OF GENERAL INTEREST

- X --To strike further funding of SST - Passed 217-204 (3/18/71 - #31 - Teller vote)
- X --To strike further funding of SST - Passed 216-203 (3/18/71 - #25 - Recorded vote)
- X --Continued funding of SST - Passed 201-195 (5/12/71 - #89)
- X --\$155.8 million to terminate SST program...Defeated 118-156 (5/20/71 - #105)
- X --To create a select committee of the House to investigate energy resources... Defeated 128-218 (5/26/71 - #110)
- X --To forbid funds for testing any nuclear weapons in the Aleutian Islands... Defeated 108-275 (7/27/71 - #219)
- X --To repeal 2 year extension of the draft...Defeated 62-331 (3/31/71 - #37)
- X --To extend draft for 1 year...Defeated 198-200 (3/31/71 - #38)
- X --Conscientious objectors to serve 2 years instead of 3 and delete the automatic induction if they do unsatisfactory work...Defeated 132-242 (3/31/71 - #41)
- X --To prohibit involuntary assignment to SE Asia after 12/31/71 and involuntary extension of service of previous inductees (Fraser's Amendment)...Defeated 122-260 (3/31/71 - #42)
- X --To prohibit using draftees in any undeclared way...Defeated 96-278 (3/31/71 - #43)
- X --To extend the draft 18 months instead of 24...Defeated 170-200 (3/31/71 - #44)
- X --The draft extension bill...Passed 293-99 (3/31/71 - #45)

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- X --To table the Senate amendment to the draft bill that all U.S. military be withdrawn from Indochina in 9 months, subject to the release of the POWs... Passed 219-175 (6/28/71 - #167)
- X --Military Draft Bill, conference report...Passed 297-108 (6/4/71 - #238)
- X --To prohibit expenditure of new funds after 1/1/1972 to support U.S. military operations in Vietnam, Cambodia or Laos...Defeated 158-255 (6/17/71 - #144)
- X --To cut off military support to Indochina after 6/1/1972 subject to certain POW provisions...Defeated 147-237 (6/17/71 - #145)
- X --Defense Appropriations Amendment, to stop funding U.S. military in SE Asia after 6/1/72 with withdrawal of U.S. forces at a date certain, subject to the release of all American POWs. Defeated 163-238 (11/17/71 - #399)
- X --To table the Mansfield Amendment to the Foreign Aid Bill. Passed 130-101 (12/16/71 - #472)
- X --To table directing the Secretary of State to furnish certain information about U.S. operations in Laos...Passed 261-118 (7/7/71 - #178)
- X --To send back to committee contempt citation against Frank Stanton and CBS. Passed 226-181 (7/13/71 - #188)
- X --To authorize emergency loan guarantees to major business enterprises (Lockheed). Passed 192-189 (7/30/71 - #227)
- X --Women's Rights Amendment to the Constitution (H J Res 208). Passed 354-24 (10/12/71 - #294) Author of an Amendment.
- X --To accept the committee amendment to exempt women from the draft and to retain laws characterized as "reasonably promoting the health and safety of the people" (Wiggins Amendment). Defeated 87-265 (10/12/71 - #293) Spoke against the amendment.
Co-author, to print \$2 bills with Susan B. Anthony's portrait.
- X Prayer in public buildings Amendment to the Constitution (H J Res 191). Defeated (lacked 2/3rds vote) 240-162 (11/8/71 - #366)
- X --Election Reform Bill, passed 373-23 (11/30/71 - #418)
- X --Amendment, to allow broadcasting stations to charge regular rates instead of lowest unit charge. Passed 219-150 (11/29/71 - #413)
- X --Amendment, to remove all federal elections from the equal time provision... Defeated 95-277 (11/29/71 - #414)

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SUBJECT

Congressional Interview

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December 30, 1971

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Committee: Foreign Affairs.
District of Columbia

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~~Water Pollution Control Act - Passed~~

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Creating a Commission on Population Growth and the American Future - Passed

Establishing a Congressional Joint Committee on the Environment - Passed

Clear Air Act ~~Amendments~~ of 1970 - passed.

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Appropriation Bill for fiscal 1970 (HEW, OEO, Labor)

To override veto (2/3rds needed) ~~failed~~

~~New version of fiscal 1970 appropriation bill~~

To limit expenditures to 97% of the funds available in the bill - failed

To pass appropriation bill.

To instruct conferees to agree with the Senate version of the bill.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act - passed

Family Assistance Act

To restrict definition of suitable employment in denial of benefits in case of refusal of manpower services, training or employment - Passed

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Foreign ^{Aid.} Assistance Appropriations

(Announced For)

Bill for fiscal 1970 - Passed

Bill for fiscal 1971 - Passed

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Voting Rights Bill Extension - House action in 1969

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Amendment to make the major changes of: suspending all literacy tests, eliminating US Atty Gen powers to register voters, a covered state no longer having to get prior approval of voting law changes. - Passed

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Voting Rights Bill, as amended - Passed

Other Legislative Action, not League Program:

Social Security Bill

Yes No Not Voting

To provide automatic adjustment of social security benefits to coincide with increased cost of living expenses - Passed

Passage of Defense appropriations - fiscal year 1971 - passed

Appointed member U.S. Delegation of the Mexico - US Interparliamentary Group.
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U.S. Congress:

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Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
National Action Chairman
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
555 Wabasha
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Mrs. Ebbott:

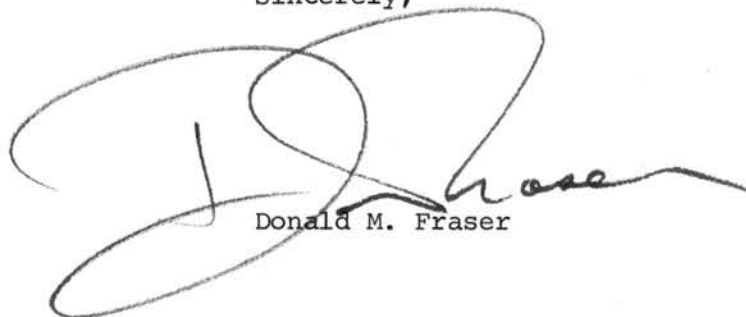
I'm sorry that I was unable to meet with the Minnesota
LWV delegation during the League convention earlier this
month.

As you know, the convention occurred during a particularly
critical week in Washington. Many of us found that our
schedules were disrupted by the events in Cambodia.

It's good to know that your petitioning effort for
D. C. congressional representation received so much
support.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Fraser', is written over the typed name.

Donald M. Fraser



IN TIMES LIKE THESE...MINNEAPOLIS NEEDS

Dick Enroth

IN CONGRESS

MEET DICK ENROTH...

- Former WCCO Radio and Television News and Sportscaster.
- Born, raised and lives in Minneapolis. Attended Garfield Elementary School, Phillips Junior High School, graduated from South High School, 1937. Attended University of Minnesota and Quincy College, Quincy, Illinois. Married, one son.
- Veteran, 26 months in U.S. Army Air Force, World War II.
- Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Church Council past 5 years.
- Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
- Member of Television and Radio Broadcasters Union (AFTRA) for 28 years.

"Together We Will Rediscover the Values That Made America Great"



**"I HAVE BUT ONE PURPOSE . . .
TO CHAMPION THE CAUSE OF THE FORGOTTEN MAN . . .
THE VICTIM OF AN UNRESPONSIVE CONGRESSMAN"**

—Dick Enroth, Candidate for Congress from Minneapolis

- The individual citizen wants responsive, efficient, money-saving government . . . and so does Dick Enroth.
- He wants government to stand firm against criminals and to protect the victims of their inhumane acts . . . and so does Dick Enroth.
- He wants a society where men and women — with equal rights and responsibilities — have the chance to live their lives according to their own beliefs and aspirations, and where government doesn't push them around . . . and so does Dick Enroth.

We can't afford to mark time any longer. We must face the issues . . . we must point out that our present Congressman has encouraged a permissive society by NOT cracking-down on pornography . . . by refusing to place stronger controls on drug pushers and turning tail and hiding from student rioters.

- Dick Understands The Forgotten Man . . .
- Dick has Faith in Our Ability to Solve Our Problems . . .
- Dick Believes We Must Learn from Past Mistakes and Commit Ourselves NOW to a Positive, New Direction.

If you want a lawn sign or will do volunteer work, call 338-3866. Send contributions to the Dick Enroth Volunteer Committee, 1647 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis

MINNESOTA C.D. 5

PRIMARY SEPT. 15

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY CANDIDATE: Donald Fraser (Inc.)
Joe Greenstein

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY CANDIDATE: Dick Enroth

THE DISTRICT:

The Fifth Congressional District has the same boundaries as the city of Minneapolis. The city's heavily Scandanavian and Northern European population is employed in a number of light industries such as milling (Pillsbury, General Mills) and some computer enterprises. Also located in Minneapolis are the headquarters of Honeywell, a major military contractor and therefore a major source of income and jobs.

The last Republican was elected from the 5th District in 1960. In 1962 Fraser was elected to his first term by a 52% majority.

Votes in the 5th District for candidates from 1964-1968:

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1968</u>
President	Johnson (D) 65.8%		Humphrey (D) 59.4% (Wallace 4.4%)
Governor		Ralvaag (D) 52.9% (lost statewide)	
Senator	McCarthy (D) 63.9%		Mondale (D) 57.4%
House of Rep.	Fraser (D) 61.9%	Fraser (D) 59.7%	Fraser (D) 57.5%

The table shows that Fraser has posted a series of solid victories in a strongly liberal, Democratic district. One inconsistency in this picture, however, is that Minneapolis elected a conservative former police official as its mayor last year. Winning on a law and order platform, Stenvig's victory might foreshadow a conservative trend in the District.

THE CANDIDATES:

Donald Fraser, 46, has been a life-long resident of Minneapolis. He received a law degree from the University of Minnesota in 1948, and in 1952 he was elected to the state legislature where he served for eight years. In 1960 Fraser was chairman of the Minnesota Citizens for Kennedy Committee.

Since becoming a member of Congress in 1962 he has served on the District of Columbia and Foreign Affairs Committees. His intra-party activities as a congressman include membership on the McGovern Commission and in 1969 chairmanship of the Democratic study group.

Joe Greenstein is a Minneapolis city Councilman, and Dick Enroth is a former sports announcer.

THE ISSUES:

Fraser, receiving a 100% ADA rating in 1969, has voted strongly against defense spending and the Southeast Asian War. He is a sponsor of H.R. 1000, the House equivalent of the Hatfield-McGovern Amendment. He voted for the Leggett Amendment (May 6, 1970) which forbade the President to use money from the Military Procurement Bill for the introduction of American troops into Cambodia, Laos, or Thailand without the consent of Congress. This amendment lost. He also voted for the Cooper-Church Amendment, which was tabled by the House. During Moratorium night debate (October 14, 1969), Fraser voted to continue discussion while the majority voted to adjourn.

Not only did Fraser vote against the ABM appropriation but he voted against the entire military appropriations acts of 1969 and 1970.

On domestic issues, Fraser voted for the recent Voting Rights Act, including the vote-at-18 provision. He voted to increase the 1969 HEW appropriation for education, and voted against giving state governors veto power over OEO legal services.

Both Greenstein and Enroth are law and order candidates and are criticizing Fraser on his vote against the D.C. Crime Bill. Greenstein is going back three years to condemn Fraser for his liberal vote on the flag burning bill.

THE CAMPAIGN:

At present, the primary campaign is proceeding rather quietly. In both the primary and the general election Fraser will face candidates who are making an appeal to the constituency that elected Stenvig. The mayor, however, is openly backing neither of them.

Fraser's campaign is just now solidifying with brochures and leaflets to be ready for distribution August 4. Efforts are being made to organize registration and canvassing drives. Ideally, Fraser would like to have canvassing conducted from neighborhood centers; but, if enough qualified volunteers cannot be found to man them, he will have to direct canvassing from one central location.

THE OUTLOOK:

Fraser's past winning margins indicate a voter loyalty which should insure victory in both the primary and the general election. The possibility of a light turnout in the primary could work to his disadvantage, however, and assistance is needed in bringing out his constituency on primary day.

Fraser for Congress Headquarters: 133 First Avenue, North
Minneapolis, Minnesota
(612) 332-0578

Campaign manager: Eric Nathanson

Volunteer coordinator: Lois Binder

Student contact: Steve Parliament

June 1, 1970

The Honorable Donald Fraser
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Fraser:

Thank you for making available 50 copies of "How Our Laws Are Made." The League of Women Voters has decided to study, during the next two years, "An evaluation of congressional structures, procedures and practices and their effect on responsive legislative processes." The booklet will be useful background for our Leagues.

We will also be interested in following the studies and recommendations of the Democratic Study Group. We have a copy of the work on the Seniority System your group has prepared.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
National Action Chairman

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Sincerely -

Mrs. R. E. Whit
National Action Comm.

March 30, 1970

LWV of Minneapolis luncheon-interview with Rep. Don Fraser, 5th District, DFL
Saturday, Feb. 28, 1970

MARCH FOR DC

The luncheon was preceded by a televised interview with Fraser "kicking-off" the League's MARCH FOR D.C. A liberal member of the D.C. Committee for 8 years, Fraser expressed intense frustration at "holing-up" without hearing by the committee of many bills dealing with improvements in day-to day operation of D.C. government as well as bills for non-voting delegate in Congress and provision for home-rule study commission. Huge problems in housing, taking of property for highways, schools, etc. are not being dealt with by Congress. Fraser felt that the League petition drive will at least get hearings on Representation; on March 2 he put his name on bill for constitutional amendment providing for two senators and representatives according to population for the District.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

Up to this time, sadly, no one in the House has made it his business to be well versed on Indian affairs and actively working to better conditions. Fraser, too, is just beginning to be aware of the full range of problems and knowledgeable about conditions and issues.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- 1) US-USSR-China triangle - to a question re apparent triangle and whether or not it represented a change and a possible opening for improving US-China relations, Fraser said that China may really fear USSR and feel the need for an opening to the US, the reopening of the Warsaw talks may be an indication of this.
- 2) Separation of military and economic aid in foreign aid bill - Fraser indicated that Congressional sentiment is changing and that such a separation may now be possible, and might make economic and other aid easier to pass, since it would be a substantially smaller amount and more palatable to those wary of military involvement.
- 3) Green Revolution - a realistic appraisal must consider the politically destabilizing effect short-run, and the probability that those who need the help the least will receive a substantial portion of it. In the areas where substantial increases in production have occurred, the major or full benefits have not necessarily gone to those who most needed it. So that while the total increase in production were significant, their benefits were fragmented.
- 4) Sec. 9 Foreign Aid bill - intent is to increase understanding and broaden perspective of those involved in development so that they don't look at results only through the eyes of economists. It is an effort to put more emphasis into the political development of these nations.

Economic development - In discussion of this, he stressed the importance of a rather high level of skills, and pointed out that both Taiwan and Israel, the most successful demonstrations of development in free world, had a high skill level. Many of the other underdeveloped countries in addition to having rather underdeveloped social environments are also seriously lacking in the skills requisite to significant increases in economic development. He queried us on

why we wanted economic development, expressing the feeling that simple humanitarianism often cloaked a paternalism which neither they nor we ascribed to. One reason why we want to help their economic development is because they want it and to help keep them reasonably contented and not seeking communist-type solutions to their problems.

Since that hasn't always seemed particularly successful from our point of view, we should seek other realistic reasons for our aid and means of accomplishing their and our goals. He suggested the view that economic development as such was not the most important thing that we should be seeking, but the political and social development of these countries, so that over time they can learn to live peacefully in the modern world. In most cases their political and social development is as primitive and underdeveloped as their economies. He stressed that our goal should be helping them reach that level of social development where their behavior is modified so that over the long pull economic development will have a chance, if they can learn to live together peacefully first.

In reviewing briefly our experience with the Marshall Plan aid to Europe and that to the Latin American countries, he noted that how you give aid is as important as what you give. The recipient countries involvement in the planning and in the decision making is crucial to their commitment to the plan as demonstrated by the difference in success of the Marshall Plan and the Alliance for Progress. Another key element to success is strong leadership (something we appear to fear when it develops in the underdeveloped world) and especially if we view it as communist encouraged, supported or instigated. If we could be a little less 'up-tight' about such movements, it might help. There is some serious doubt whether or not the beneficial effects of development get to the people who need them the most without a revolutionary change. Should we, given our own background, be so afraid of peoples' movements and changes in governments?

5) Multilateral vs bilateral aid - Fraser indicated that he thought there was a good deal to be said for channeling larger amounts of money, capital transfers, through multilateral agencies and technical aid through bilateral agencies. He also noted that the recent house action on the foreign aid bill was the occasion for his first vote against a foreign aid bill caused by the inclusion of the appropriation for fifty fighter planes for Taiwan and a military aid appropriation for South Korea, which was removed from the final bill.

6) UN-Genocide treaty - He indicated some feeling that the Administration support may help change climate and attitudes, but was not confident about its passage.

HUMAN RESOURCES

1) OEO vs HEW - Fraser didn't seem to be disturbed by the trend to spin off to HEW programs which had been pioneered by OEO after several years.

2) Day care and the schools - there is broad recognition of the need to do much more for the young...comprehensive care, much more than just custodial.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE REFORM

Fraser voted for the direct popular election bill, but he hasn't come all the way to considering it the best way. It was the only bill before him and something had to be done. Senate hearings in March or April. He seemed to feel it has good chance for passage. He made no prediction re its passage through the states, however.

HOUSING

While there are serious overall problems with high interest rates and the effect they have on the mortgage market, the primary one for low cost housing is one of more money.

And until a significant reordering of priorities, he didn't express any confidence substantial increases would be forthcoming.

MANPOWER

An Administration bill would coordinate the various programs and would be useful, he thought. He also noted that he was disappointed that a program of government as employer of last resort has not received any Administration or strong public push. In view of rise in unemployment such a program is appropriate.

STATUS OF WOMEN

Supports the Constitutional amendment for equal status of women.

REORDERING OF PRIORITIES

Congressional efforts last year were successful in a small way in cutting the military budget and hopefully more can be cut this year. Even when you lose it is an educational process and you make some inroads.

Possibilities:

- 1) cut forces to 2½ million (would save 10 billion)
- 2) hold on the second phase ABM and on the strategic arms race programs, look to the SALT talks.
- 3) hold tight on new hardware - ships, planes, etc.

VOCATIONAL FUNDS

No immediate prospect of larger funds.

May 14, 1970

The Honorable Donald M. Fraser
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Fraser:

The Minnesota delegation to the League of Women Voters national convention was very sorry that we were unable to make contact with you during our week's stay in Washington. We appreciate the many other demands on your time.

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. On this latter issue, we will be very interested to hear the ideas being evolved by your Democratic Study Group. 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 usee 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, 6,416 from your district.

Almost universally our members found that the public had no 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.

Our members look forward to continuing discussions with you in Minnesota.

cc: Dpls League office
Drene Janski
Elizabeth Elliott

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
National Action Chairman
LWV of Minnesota

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

For National Office
For State Office
For Local Office

REPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL INTERVIEW

Date January 11, 1969

Congressman

Name Donald M. Fraser

District 5th district State Minnesota Party Dem-Farmer-Labor (DFL)

Committee Assignments District of Columbia Committee, Foreign Affairs

Subjects discussed and views of Congressman on each: Congressman Fraser was nominated Chairman of the Democratic Study Group on the day interviewed. He was officially elected to that position the following week. The Study Group's leadership action in the attempt to unseat McCormack as Speaker had, Fraser felt, led not to hard feelings but to some progress toward the Group's goals: a Congressional Campaign Committee; monthly meetings of the Democratic party caucus; and scheduled recesses. The Study Group encompasses the northern liberals in Congress. He hopes that the Study Group will have increased impact on modernization of congressional procedures. Fraser states that there is unfortunately no vehicle for the increasing number of Southern liberals.

Fraser served on the Commission on the Democratic Selection of Presidential nominees, the report of which was adopted by the Democrats at the August convention (of CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, B9173, October 15, 1968). He stressed that a standing committee of the Party has been formed to examine the state party's standards and method of choosing delegates to the national convention. He is interested in the possibility of expanding the Democratic National Committee to one elected member from each congressional district. He stresses the need for expanded research within the party organization.

On the topic of electoral college reform, Congressman Fraser stated his opposition to direct popular election. He feels that full compromise of differences should be made within the two parties, and fears run-off elections. On the other hand, he would probably favor some modification of the electoral college---i.e. eliminating persons as electors and using simple district voting results as electoral votes, or changing the system of voting in Congress following an election not resulting in a majority for one candidate.

Congressman Fraser is dedicated to increased foreign aid expenditures, particularly in the area of technical assistance and encouragement of private investment abroad.

In the area of foreign policy, Fraser discussed the Middle East crisis "Israel has got to win any war it's in if the big powers are to avoid confrontation in the Middle East. Regardless of the merits of Israel's policy, the U.S. must supply it with enough military aid to let it win by itself." In the field of China policy, Fraser referred to a New York Times article which stated that China has in the past made overtures to pierce the Bamboo Curtain. He feels that regardless of the possibility of non-acceptance by the Chinese that US overtures must be made both through the UN and directly. Fraser mentioned his continuing concern with the power of the military-industrial establishment as it affects both domestic and foreign policy needs.

As a result of the interview, what do you think the Congressman's opinion of the League might be:

Fraser's commitment to the League has been fostered by his mother's long-term interest in and leadership of the Minneapolis LWV. There seems to be no League position which Fraser hasn't supported or in which he hasn't shared the LWV's interest. Recently received from the Washington, D.C. League was a note stressing the importance of Fraser's leadership on the DC committee as its primary sponsor of Home Rule legislation. Although the topic of water legislation was not discussed during the interview, frequent correspondence with the Mpls LWV on this topic along with his sponsorship of the bill to prohibit dumping materials in navigable waters demonstrated his concern about the need to more adequately finance sewage treatment plants and to promote high pollution control standards.

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

Luncheon at Univ of Minn Alumni Club. 12 people present including

10 Minneapolis board members and 2 state League board members.

Local board members represented all of national portfolios plus

Public Relations VP and President and Natl and State Program

Coordinator VP

Reporting the interview: If you have not been able to complete the interview by August 1969, please send this form to State and National anyway. Describe your efforts to obtain the interview and if possible, explain why you think you were not able to set it up.

Signed Mrs. Wells Hively II, VP, Natl and State Program Coordinator

Address LWV of Minneapolis, 1200 2nd Ave South, Minneapolis 55403

Representing League of Women Voters of Minneapolis

FOR CONGRESSIONAL FILE
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
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FINAL CHANGE ON FRASER LUNCHEON (I hope it will be at the Press Club in the Radisson Hotel. Press conference at 11 and luncheon-interview at 11:30. Subject of the conference is DC petition project, but we hope that you'll arrive by 11 anyway----if there is no press, than there can at least be us Leaguers. It will be a set lunch----let me know by Friday if we can't count on you.
Attending: (Murphy will be out of town) Hively, Liz Ebbott from State Board, Pat Scott, Betty Shaw, Mary Lou Hill, Nancy Conroy, Donna Stein Dimi Mitchell, Nancy Bratrud, Barb Flanigan, February 20, 1970
Ann Wynia, Adrienne White. Maryxx

Congressman Donald Fraser
110 South 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Don:

With regard to our plans for the press conference on February 28 at 11 AM at the Press Club in the Radisson, I am enclosing a copy of the notice sent out with cover letters to the newspapers and TV stations (orange sheet) and a copy of the remarks with which I shall open the conference.

Hopefully these remarks will properly set the stage for you to speak for a few minutes on the necessity for a widespread show of public support for D.C. representation and self-government such as the League's petition project if legislation is to be budged out of the House D.C. Committee or to receive favorable majorities in either House. We would appreciate your comments on the current status of D.C. legislation; on the history of your efforts on the D.C. committee to get Congressional representation for the District; on the frustrations for D.C. residents of living in a city without self-government or representation.

I will ask for questions following your presentation, and invite the newsmen to collect background materials from the display table which we'll have set up there. The display is a portable one that we'll be carrying around to March meetings of various community organizations for signatures. Photographers attending the conference can use it as a backdrop....maybe showing you signing the first sheet of the petition.

Our luncheon-interview will follow the conference, in the dining room of the Press Club. There will be twelve Leaguers in attendance, as described in our letter of January 26 outlining the luncheon agenda.

We'll look forward to seeing you on Saturday. If you have questions or suggestions, have Lois call me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wells Hively II
VP, Natl Program Coordinator

January 26, 1970

MEMO

TO: B. Flanigan, N. Conroy, A. Wynia, D. Stein, P. Scott, R. Stack, D. Speidel,
L. Ebbott, D. Murphy
FROM: Jan Hively

We don't want to bring politics into the League but we certainly do wish to bring the League into politics. The precinct caucuses provide an excellent forum for League positions in that resolutions are presented at each caucus by members of the audience to be incorporated into the party platforms. They provide education for the people at the caucus as well as getting points into the platforms.

The Executive Committee has therefore approved the idea of sending out to each League member with her February VOTER (the week before Feb. 24) a list of resolutions from which the member might select one or two of especial interest to her for presentation at her caucus.

Would each of you consider whether or not a resolution might be appropriate to cover positions in your subject area. If so, write one or two out by the Board Meeting February 4th. The style of a resolution follows a "Whereas Therefore we urge" format - hopefully held down to four or five typewritten lines.

Barb O'Grady, coordinator for Republican Party's Task Forces on Platform-making, has asked if we wish to make presentations before any of the committees or to contribute members to them. Aside from sending her a list of our resolutions, you might well wish to make a formal presentation of your topic to a Task Force. Diana will identify their subject labels to you at the February board meeting.

We haven't received the Jan. NATIONAL BOARD REPORT as yet. Have received the Congressional Round-up Issue of REPORT FROM THE HILL. I'm having the duplicate copy divided up and enclosed according to your portfolios ... good background for the Fraser lunch.

1-26-70 - HIGH NOON!

Please note change of date for Fraser

luncheon : FEBRUARY 28 - SAT.

See copy of letter attached

Word from Don's office this morning that he has accepted a speaking engagement on our first arranged date, Feb. 14, caused this change in arrangements. He is speaking in Chicago on the 14th to the New Democratic Coalition.

LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of MINNEAPOLIS

1200 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403 • Telephone: 333-6319

C O P Y

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January 26, 1970

Congressman Donald M. Fraser:
110 South 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

Dear Don:

28th
We are delighted to confirm our luncheon engagement with you for Saturday, February 28 at 11:30 ... Alumni Club at the Sheraton-Ritz. If you require transportation to your 2:00 p.m. meeting in Southeast following the luncheon-interview, we'll be happy to supply it.

Following is a list of the League directors who'll be present at our meeting with identification of their primary concerns for our discussion. Needless to say, we won't be able to cover them all - but fortunately or unfortunately, you know so much about so much that we assume your ability to answer all of our questions.

Diana Murphy, President: Intrigued by the future of the Equal Rights Amendment which you have co-sponsored in the House.

Ann Wynia, D.C. Chairman: The League plans a nation-wide citizen's petition to Congress for a constitutional amendment to provide representation in Congress for citizens of the District of Columbia. We are aiming for one and a half million signatures to bring to our 50th anniversary convention in Washington first week of May. We'd like your suggestions on local coverage for our campaign: if possible, dates of political dinners, etc., where we could set up a table with our FACTS AND ISSUES: "D.C., A Nice Place to Visit, But..." and get signatures. Also interested in future of Senate-passed bills for non-voting D.C. delegate and Home Rule Study Commission in the House.

Foreign Affairs:

Barb Flanigan, China; Betty Shaw, Trade and Aid; Mary Lou Hill, UN.

- A. Prospects for negotiation with China. Congressional perception of so-called U.S.-Soviet-Chinese triangle. Has there been Foreign Affairs Committee involvement in discussion of China policy?
- B. Prognosis for future aid policy. Last year you commented that military assistance and economic development funds had to be joined to get anything out of Congressional appropriation. Is this still the case? Won't Fulbright insist on separation? What about Title 9: the Rockefeller Report said Title 9 funds didn't work ... you mentioned that AID was reluctant to make far-reaching changes for Title 9 organization. What's your current attitude about the future of these projects? Have Inter-American

LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of MINNEAPOLIS

Congressman Donald M. Fraser, Minneapolis January 26, 1970 Telephone: 333-6319

Social Development Institute and guarantees for L.A. community self-development programs received adequate funding?

Dimi Mitchell, Electoral College: What's the status of the amendment facilitating direct popular election?

Nancy Conroy, Water Resources: What's the future on spending of the \$800 million appropriated for sewage treatment plant funding? What do you think of the Nixon program as in State of Union message - will it mean less money spent and less pressure for compliance with quality standards by federal control agency?

Human Resources:

Pat Scott and Donna Stein, co-chairmen; Nancy Bratrud, local Planning and Urban Renewal chairman

Future of OEO? Welfare programs - how much revision will there be under Nixon administration? Housing: interest in progress of "Operation Breakthrough," and in your proposal for national study of building codes.

Also present will be Liz Ebbott, our state organization's National Program Coordinator, who faithfully clips every passage with mention of your name from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and sends it on to me. Oh that the newspaper could provide as excellent coverage of your speeches and proposals for your constituents as she does for us.

We're all looking forward to our meeting with you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wells Hively II
Vice-President, State and
National Program Coordinator

JH:r

cc Congressman Fraser
332 House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

DONALD M. FRASER
5TH DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE

May 15, 1969

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action
League of Women Voters
555 Wabasha
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Mrs. Ebbott:

Thank you very much for sending along the material on China.

I'm delighted that the League has taken such a sensible position on Mainland China.

I don't know if you are aware of the current activities of the so-called "Committee of a Million Against Admission of China into the United Nations." They have a new publication which we received recently. I hope the League publications will be able to counter some of the propaganda from that side.

Be sure to let me know if there is anything you feel I can do to help publicize the League's study and policy statement.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Donald M. Fraser

LIBERAL-REFORM FACTION

1/12/69

Fraser Will Head House Study Panel

By FRANK WRIGHT

Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Minneapolis Rep. Donald Fraser is about to become chairman of the Democratic Study Group (DSG), the leading liberal reform faction in the House.

to develop. The election will be held at a membership meeting Tuesday.

(MONTHLY Caucus Needs More Work, Fraser Says — Page 2B.)



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Truman

- Subcommittee
For East
International Organization

1790 goals:

Mr. May expedition

Aid

Dem Party may be a committee

Aid - one of his major goals =

pipeline - no one connects on military pipeline.

appears that govt. org. to aid business - guaranteeing investment
etc. - pull it all together.

He wants to keep technical aid - bilateral - mostly
personal. World be O.K. w/ less money, if tech aid were
increased & funding of development goals - I D F -
now out of funds - subscribing to 40% & then US give more.

Trade - main thing to hold off govt. - Ag seems to be
agreed to as special case ^{free trade} not apply = Ldc's want lowering
barriers here - not this or any.

(D.C.) looking for 2 individuals D for committee - McMillan looking for
2 conservatives -

Look for - more voice in money, representation in Congress -
(Washington has more power than Kipper -
- McGray killed
1 representative & others as Congress sees fit -

Financial - favors Heller plan - need to strengthen state govts. -
Fed money back to states hand - gov - divided by taxing now
of all govt. levels. - in addition to categorical aids
now -

[Vocational Feb 7-17]

Democracy - w/ Udel was 3 exercises -

- 1 - Congressional Campaign Committee - helped up - to really help.
- 2 - Monthly caucus meetings -
- 3 - Vacations arranged -

Dem Study Group - 140 or so - N-L. and Democrats - 850 -
ownstuff -

Israel - Major U.S. intent not to fight Russia & Our real danger is
that if Israel should not win. Russia has rearm'd Middle East beyond 1966 &
Oil doesn't seem important. Russia wants Suez opened. terrorists will be faster
or N.E. in future - if they can overcome pride - 3/4 th of trouble - if have other
this - maybe can live w/ Israel.

H.R. - Ed bill - Educators all approve - even if results aren't
then, good program - situation - low income students
- antitrust bill giving aid to industry of

OEO - add but CAA could be spun off -
would lose enrollment, but stability, computer, and
plus factors - getting all job programs together in labor -
Home - strong or helping get industry.

Segregation - Thernood telling B of C's to wait until
Nixon before considering Fed. interference not in U.S. really where it is having
problems - Blacks not so interested in integration, the children go to
80% Black school in D.C. -

China - Nixon may want to open to China - almost seems to
be changing unless "my opponent's views" are strong - got call
for Judd's phone #

Elect. College - Ensuring each states' votes go to the winner -
or present basis. If no majority of elect. votes, go to combined
House & Senate with each having 1 vote.

Federal climate for change is there - debate on N.C. elector -
real fight on what system - Current of greater advantage to minorities -
seems prob. vote would encourage splintered parties

February 12, 1968

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Committees: Foreign Affairs
District of Columbia

Congressional Action - 1968:

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

0 Human Resources — Education, Employment, Housing, Civil Rights

- 0 1. Cut OEO (authored bill for \$200 million more for OEO) (defeated 220-181)
X Increase in teacher corps funds (passed 228-172)
0 To put a ceiling on expenditures (passed 275-126)
- X 2. Conference Reports cutting Head Start from \$25 million to \$5 million
(passed 265-106)
- X 3. Housing Bill
- X 4. Conference for Housing and Urban Development
5. Preventing discrimination in housing; Civil Rights Act - 1968:
- X To prevent the House version from going to conference with the Senate
(passed 229-195)
- X To accept the Senate version (passed 250-171)
- X 6. To establish a commission on Negro history
- 0 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:

- X 1. Water Pollution Control Act — to accelerate construction of facilities, to
control pollution from vessels over 45 feet, research and demonstration
projects on oil discharge, acid mine waters, and lake pollution (passed 277-0)
2. Co-author of bill creating Voyageurs National Park
- X 3. Scenic Rivers Bill

Foreign Aid and Development:

Spoke against cuts in foreign aid: "We are saying we do not any longer believe in
social or political justice of the creation of societies that will serve people; we
believe in military hardware, we believe in weapons..."

Foreign Aid - continued

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

Other Issues of Interest:

- Farm legislation
 - 0 To put a \$20,000 ceiling on payments (passed)
 - X Vote on the bill
 - NV Vote on conference report - deleting limit (189-172)
- X School lunch bill
- Food Stamp Bill
 - X To extend the program 4 years without dollar limit (passed)
 - X Passage of the bill
 - 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 (defeated 204-112)
 - X Passage of the bill
- X Gun Control

Bills introduced and other special activities

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

Vice-chairman of the Commission on the Democratic Selection of Presidential Nominees.
Commission's report was adopted at the Democratic National Convention.

Authored:

Resolution making the week of February 14 Afro-American History Week.

Resolution condemning the invasion of Czechoslovakia.

Community Self Determination Bill

Bill to strengthen code enforcement and financial assistance in deteriorating urban areas.

Bill to overhaul vocational education

Bill to establish commission on hunger

Bill to remove ceiling on funds for food stamp program

Bill to establish National Foundation for the Social Sciences

Bill to keep earnings test for AFDC

Bill on dumping materials in navigable waters

Bill to prohibit switchblades

Bill to promote higher education by federal grants to colleges

Bill to help schools with large numbers of low income students

Bill to establish commission to study organization of executive branch

Bill to share federal taxes with state and local governments

Bill to raise taxes by means of tax reform.

C O P Y

December 20, 1968

Honorable Donald M. Fraser
507 Cannon Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Mr. Fraser:

You will be interested to learn that we have received a letter from the League of Women Voters of Washington, D.C. indicating that they are extremely anxious for you to continue serving on the House D.C. committee because they consider you to be one of their staunchest supporters.

Of course, we in Minneapolis do not need to be told that you are a friend and ally of D.C. residents, and we realize you will continue your work for unrestricted self government for the District without our urging.

Nevertheless I thought you would like to know that your efforts are deeply appreciated in Washington.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Burton Paulu
President

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DONALD M. FRASER
5TH DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

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April 8, 1968

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
555 Wabasha
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

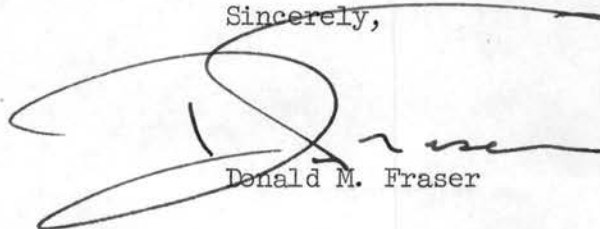
Dear Mrs. Ebbott:

Thanks for your letter opposing the import quota provisions
in the Tax Adjustment Act of 1968.

As you know, I've always opposed legislation which would
hamper free world trade.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Fraser', is written over the typed name.

Donald M. Fraser

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COMMITTEE

October 26, 1967

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

Dear Mrs. Janski:

Thanks for your letter in support of H.J.R. 396.

Early this week the committee report was filed. We should be having a vote before too long. I hope your efforts will result in a solid vote of support from the Minnesota delegation.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Donald M. Fraser

November 12, 1968

The Honorable Donald M. Fraser
House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Fraser:

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, helping with voter registrations, etc. 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.

It has been gratifying to follow your activities on bills in areas of League interest. We wish to thank you for your votes supporting foreign aid and opposing cuts in those funds, supporting OEO, increased teacher corps funds, support for the Civil Rights Act-1968. We especially appreciate your speaking out against cuts in foreign aid.

The Minneapolis League will be interested in meeting with you and learning of your concerns and predictions about the up-coming 91st Congressional session. Mrs. Burton Paulu will be in touch with your office in the near future. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. O. J. Janski
President

League of Women Voters of the U.S.
1200 - 17th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

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Date Feb. 12, 1968

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Frazier - 1432 House Office Bldg.

Foreign Affairs Comm -
Subcomm - State Dept. Organization
Foreign Operations -
Movements - International Organizations
- Near East.

9/26 - Elected Bd of Ed - D.C. - For

10/5/67 - Sponsored a 2.8 B emergency employment act - 1/2 million public service jobs for slum residents over 2 years - in house in Senate similar bill voted down on floor -

4/27 - Congressional District size - 30% variation until 1972 then 10% -
② Passed 289 - 63 Not recorded

5/24 - Amend to E1 - 3rd Ed Act - Title III to be allotted by state

⑤ Dept. of Ed - Accepted 230-185 For

7/20 - Rat Control - Rejected 176-207 For

8/24 - Inter. Am. Dev. Bank - universal authorization - passed 275-122
⑩ Not recorded

8/9 - Defeated resolution to disapprove D.C. plan - rejected 160-244
⑪ Against

10/5 - Sponsored emergency employment act - 2.8 B - like defeated in Senate

10/17 - Amendment to House Foreign aid bill - calling for Pres. to make a positive effort to establish permanent UN peace keeping force. -

Frazier amendment - passed by committee

10/29 - HUDs - For rent supplement - Against recommitting to comm. Her, insisting on disagreement

For model cities -

For - conference report - Against recommitting.

Against - recommitting congressional redistricting.

Against - Conference report -

11/4 - Voted to take up Foratz bill -

11/5 - Voted ~~to~~ against reducing quota on restrictions - style cotton.

11/12 - Voted For taking up EOA

Voted For Foreign Assistance Act of 1967

11/16 - To cut 460m from EOA. (P 221-190) - Voted Against cut

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

Foreign aid approp (Passed 167-143) - For

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

11/18 - EO Act amendments - conference report (passed 247-149) - For

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

Recommit conference report - approp. Foreign affairs (passed 176-185) - Against

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

Ed. Secretary, Ed. amend. (passed 286-73) - For

Local League President (3rd District)

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.

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." The process and degree of Local League action has been of concern to the State Board for some time. All Leagues are required to respond officially and additional efforts should be made to get responses from individual League members as well as the community. We are not reaching this goal.

Last year efforts were made to establish Congressional District coordinators who were to help in seeing that National Time for Action received attention. They were also to function in a communicating, liaison capacity for the Leagues within a Congressional district. We feel a good start has been made and would now appreciate your help and thoughts in improving the process.

Wednesday, August 2nd at 10:00 AM, I would like to meet with the Presidents and/or those who will be concerned with National Time for Action responses for the 3rd Congressional District. The meeting will be at the home of the 3rd District Coordinator, Mrs. Lee Hermann, Route 4, Box 46, Excelsior (GR4-9396) -- directions below.

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 can't attend.*
I am looking forward to meeting with you on the 2nd.

VTY

~~XXXX~~ Iris Ebbott,
Congressional Action Chrm.
409 Birchwood Ave, White Bear Lake
225 112-426-3643

Directions: West on Hwy 7; turn left on Radisson Inn Rd, a few blocks east of Excelsior. The Christmas Lake Grocery is on the right and the Christal Hotel on the left at this intersection. Continue on Radisson Inn Rd. until the first intersection (road from the right). The Hermann home is on the right side of Radisson Inn Rd just beyond this intersection.

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March 1, 1968

The Honorable Donald M. Fraser
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20015

Dear Mr. Fraser:

Thank you for your letters to President Johnson and Representative Mahon urging additional OEO appropriations as reported in the Minneapolis Star on February 26.

As you know, the Minneapolis League of Women Voters strongly supports our local CAP programs and, as we discussed at lunch February 12, we are greatly concerned about funds for summer 1968 programs and for establishing a year-round Head Start program.

Again, our thanks for your consistently conscientious and earnest work in behalf of your constituents and our nation as a whole.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Thomas Scott
Chairman, Development of
Human Resources item

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Minneapolis Tribune

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1967

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OFFICIAL TOUR

Fraser Planning Trip to Vietnam, India, Pakistan

By RICHARD P. KLEEMAN

Minneapolis Tribune Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Donald M. Fraser, D-Minn.—a critic of the Johnson administration on the Vietnam war and a supporter on foreign aid—will travel to Asia next month to inspect both activities.

duration. Congress is scheduled to reconvene Jan. 15.

Fraser, whose Vietnam visit will take him to Saigon and into the field, said he is going "to get a first-hand impression of the progress not



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November 8, 1967

The Honorable Donald M. Fraser
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Representative Fraser:

Last week we mailed your copy of the Minneapolis League of Women Voters' most recent publication, "What's Happening in the Economic Opportunity Programs of Minneapolis and Hennepin County," October, 1967.

To compile the information presented there, 24 Minneapolis and suburban LWV members conducted 40 interviews relating to 26 OEO programs.

Their findings reaffirm our previously stated position: We believe it is extremely important to continue and, indeed, expand the War on Poverty, by providing adequate funds for the OEO and the Community Action programs.

We appreciate your consistent strong support of adequate appropriations for OEO and hope that the legislation which emerges from the House will be in line with your position.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Burton Paulu
President

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October 26, 1967

Mrs. Burton Paulu, President
League of Women Voters of Minneapolis
84 S. 6th St., Room 414
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

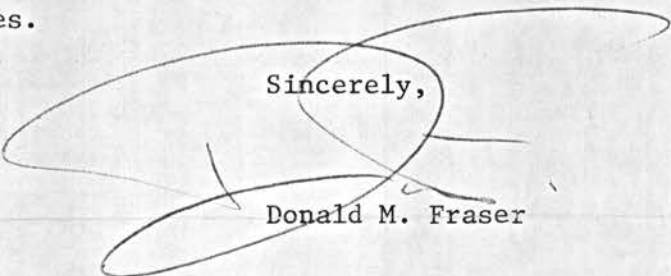
Dear Mrs. Paulu:

Thanks for your letter in support of the resolution
to grant congressional representation to the District
of Columbia.

The committee report on the bill was filed early this
week. We should be having a vote before too long.
I appreciate having your enthusiastic backing on this
measure.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Donald M. Fraser

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TO: .Fran Paulu, President LWV of Mpls.
Congressional Coordinator - 5th District

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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

FROM: Liz Ebbott

SUBJECT Congressional Action

DATE 9/8/67

Enclosed is a copy of a procedure sheet we have worked out for the other districts.
Perhaps you might find it useful.

We have compiled background sheets on the Senators (enclosed). You might want to do
something similar for Fraser. We'd appreciate a copy if you do.

Thanks for the copies of letters you've received.

PERSPECTIVES WORTH NOTING

From an address by Congressman Donald M. Fraser at the International Development Conference in Washington, D. C., February 7, 1967:

"...the conceptual formulation of foreign aid suffers because it is being stated in mistaken terms. As a consequence the problems of the developing world seem intractable and incapable of solution."

"The problem of the developing nations has been described largely in economic terms. This statement of the problem has led us into blind alleys."

"How, then, should the development problem be stated? There is increasing evidence that the major deficit in the developing nations is in their political and social structures. Until we address ourselves to this reality, we shall make little progress. We must turn our formulation around. The problem of the developing nation requires attention to the social and political structures. These must be changed to release the energies - where they exist - of individual men and women who want to improve their lot. This will lead to economic progress."

"...all of the nations of the world are in the process of development. We should perceive our international development role as an integral part of our overall concern for an improved ordering of men's affairs. In the pursuit of this we need to share experiences within and among all nations. Our attitude should be one of participating in mutual undertakings in a common cause, opening dialogues at all levels to mark out common courses of action."

Fraser Says U.S. Security Is Not at Stake in Vietnam

By **RICHARD P. KLEEMAN**
Minneapolis Tribune
Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C. —
Rep. Donald Fraser, D-Minn.,

with the House Foreign Affairs Committee, of which he is a member.

HE CALLED the Vietnam war "internal in origin, prompted neither by the So-

ciety," "anticommunism is the password."

"CONSEQUENTLY we give military aid to a wide variety of governments whose only qualifications are their anti-

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AT THE INVITATION of Congressman Fraser, a leading Minnesota educator testified before a House committee recently in support of the International Education Act of 1966.

Dr. Willard W. Cochrane, dean of the Office of International Programs at the University of Minnesota and former U.S. director of agricultural economics, discussed the bill's "two crucial elements":

"(1) The recognition of the importance of international education to vital national goals.

"(2) The importance to these goals of a mutual partnership between government and institutions of higher education."

In broad terms, the bill would finance increases in the "international dimension" of American colleges and universities.

Cochrane warned: "A means, or mechanism, must be found to fund on a regular and sustained basis the international activities that have been initiated by grants and contracts from private foundations and existing public agencies."



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APRIL 1966

UNIFORM DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

A nationwide, standardized daylight saving time system, approved by this Congress, "moves the United States from the twilight of confusion into the broad daylight of common sense," said Rep. Fraser.

"Since my days in the State Senate," he said, "I have pressed for this logical solution to the national mish-mash of time zones. I introduced DST bills both this session and last."

Joining Fraser in testifying for DST before the House Commerce Committee were several Minnesotans, including Lloyd L. Brandt, manager of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce Legislative Department; Rep. John Tracy Anderson of St. Paul; and Congressman Joseph E. Karth of St. Paul.

LIBRARY ASSISTANCE ACT

Public libraries need help. Congressman Fraser has introduced a bill that would raise federal contributions to Minnesota libraries to \$3 million the first year from the present \$1 million, with larger increases in future years.

THE HELLER PLAN

A bill that would return federal money to the states and their subdivisions to spend on necessary services is being drafted by Congressman Fraser.

The proposal will be based on a concept first discussed by Dr. Walter Heller, former chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, who has now returned to teaching economics at the University of Minnesota.

At first, the amount returned to the states -- divided according to population -- would amount to one-half of one per cent of the gross national product (GNP).

This amount would increase by 15 per cent a year until it reached 2 per cent, where it would level off for annual distribution.

Within each state, the funds would be distributed to all levels of government in proportion to the taxes levied by the state and local governmental units.

All levels of government would receive advance word on the amount they would receive so that they could plan how to spend the money effectively.

ASSISTANCE TO MOTHERS

Under present restrictions, mothers who receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) payments are discouraged from holding jobs.

Congressman Fraser has introduced a bill to permit mothers who are employed under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to receive up to \$85 a month without penalty.

"The purpose of my amendment," said Fraser, "is to provide mothers with some incentive to become skilled enough in a job to eventually become self-supporting on a full-time basis."

Along with several other senators and representatives from Minnesota and Wisconsin, I have introduced a bill to establish a St. Croix National Scenic Waterway.

The demand for water recreation near the Twin Cities metropolitan area keeps growing. If this demand is to be met, the beautiful St. Croix River must be preserved.

Such preservation involves not only the lower section of the river below Stillwater -- which actually is a big lake, intensively used for summer recreation -- but the wilderness character of the upper stretches.

Since before my birth, my family has owned a summer place on the lower river near Afton, Minn. This place continues to provide vacation enjoyment for Arvonne and me and our six children.

We have watched the St. Croix grow in use by Twin Cities residents and other visitors. Preserving it would be a valuable contribution to a nationwide saving of recreation space for city people.

DEMONSTRATION CITIES

President Johnson said in a message on city development that Congress and the people "can set in motion forces of change in great urban areas that will make them the masterpieces of our civilization."

At the heart of the message was the President's Demonstration Cities Program. This imaginative effort to revitalize 60 to 70 cities would extend over six years.

Minneapolis officials are drafting a proposal to make Minneapolis one of the demonstration cities if the bill is enacted.

Cities participating would receive all available grants and aids for housing, urban renewal, transportation, education, welfare, economic opportunity and related programs. In addition, they would receive special grants totaling 80 per cent of the non-federal cost of the grant-in-aid programs included in the demonstration.

Minneapolis has areas within its boundaries that should qualify as excellent examples of what President Johnson would like to see rehabilitated.

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Mrs. William Whiting
President
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

Dear Mrs. Whiting:

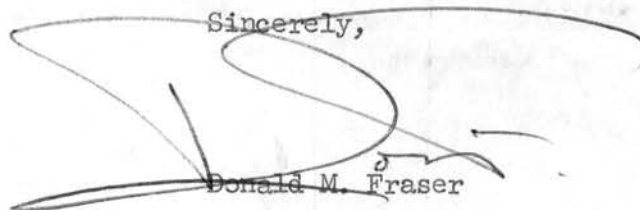
Thank you for your good letter in support of an effective
foreign aid program.

As you know, I have always been in support of the United States
doing more in giving assistance to the less developed countries.
The great majority of letters I receive in support of my
position are inspired by the League of Women Voters. I am
grateful to your organization and its members for its support.

I look forward to reading "Foreign Aid at the Crossroads."

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Donald M. Fraser

*We're hopeful that we won't
have too much of a problem in the House.*