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memorandum

The League of Women Voters of the United States

DATE: 11/6

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

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

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

(A):

We would like you to notify the local League president(s) in your state's 8
Congressional district that Representative Blatnik
of that district was contacted on 9-12 by F. Kieffer

. The subject of the discussion was DC Home Rule
L. G. says Cong. has always supported
Home Rule.

Additional remarks: _____

(B):

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

Additional remarks: _____

memorandum

The League of Women Voters of the United States

DATE: 10/25

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

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

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

(A):

We would like you to notify the local League president(s) in your state's 8

Congressional district that Representative Blatnik

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

. The subject of the discussion was Impoundment

L.A. says Congressman is co-sponsor of Mahon bill.

Feels it will be uphill battle in house and that

Additional remarks: possibly a bill will emerge as result

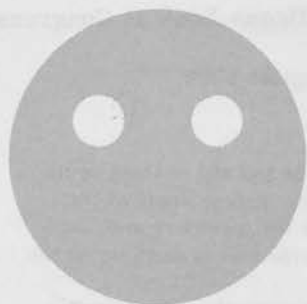
of conference process on Mahon + Ervin bills

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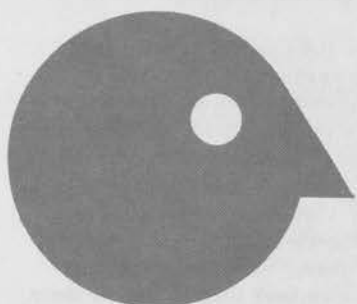
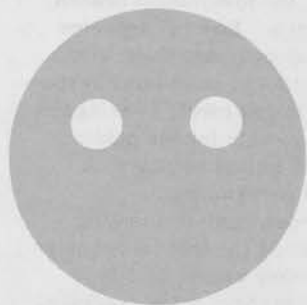
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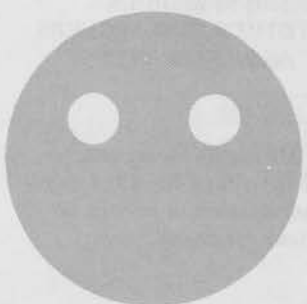
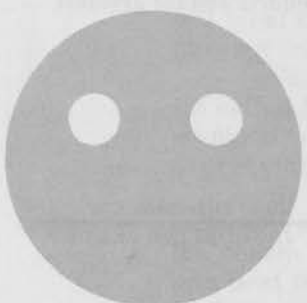
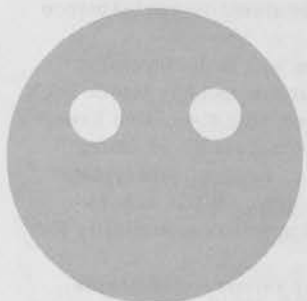


Ralph Nader Congress Project Citizens Look at Congress



John A. Blatnik

Democratic Representative
from Minnesota



written by Anne L. Millet



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CONGRESSIONAL ACTION OF LEAGUE INTEREST

92nd Congress - 1st Session

John Blatnik - DFL - 8th District

Committee: Public Works, Chairman

Y N NV

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 it 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) Spoke against using 1/3 funds for minority staffing on committees.
- X --Assignment of Democrats to the House's standing committees...Passed 259-32 - 42 voting Present (2/4/71 - #13)

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) Led the floor action for passage. Conferee.
- 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)

Y N NV

- 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)
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)

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

VOTING RIGHTS

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

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 (7/29/71 - #219)

Led the effort for temporary, continuing funding of the Water Pollution Control Act.

- 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 war...Defeated 96-278 (3/31/71 - #43)

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- X --To extend the draft 18 months instead of 24...Defeated 170-200 (3/31/71 - #44)
- X --The draft extension bill...Passed 293-99 (3/31/71 - #45)
- X --To table the Senate amendment to the draft bill that all U.S. military be withdrawn from Indochina in 9 months, subject to the release of the POWs...Passed 219-175 (6/28/71 - #167)
- X --Military Draft Bill, conference report...Passed 297-108 (8/4/71 - #238)
- X --To prohibit expenditure of new funds after 1/1/1972 to support U.S. military operations in Vietnam, Cambodia or Laos...Defeated 158-255 (6/17/71 - #144)
- X --To cut off military support to Indochina after 6/1/72 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)
- X --To accept the committee amendment to exempt women from the draft and to retain laws characterized as "reasonably promoting the health and safety of the people" (Wiggins Amendment). Defeated 87-265 (10/12/71 - #293)
- X --Prayer in public buildings Amendment to the Constitution (H J Res 191). Defeated (lacked 2/3rds vote) 240-162 (11/8/71 - #366)
- 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)

Let's

Blatnik defends his bill

12/9/71

Your editorial of Nov. 29 entitled "Water pollution in the House" reflects a laudable concern for the quality of our country's waters and a welcome interest in the so-called "Blatnik Bill" now pending before the House Committee on Public Works.



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Minneapolis Tribune



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Debate on new water-quality law

Conflicting views on proposed changes in the nation's water-quality law are being expressed in testimony this week before the U.S. House Public Works Committee in Washington.

to intervene if an entire state permit-granting program falls below standard.

That may be a useful tool, although it



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M TO: Marion

E FROM: Liz Ebbott

M SUBJECT Congressional Action

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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PHONE: 224-5445

DATE December 30, 1971

At this time we are writing the League coordinators asking them to set up interviews with their Congressmen. With John Blatnik and his illness, we know he won't be around for an interview, so there is really no point in trying.

But we can let you know that the voting records are being prepared and will be out to you and your Leagues as soon as the office can get them done. Also you do have some changes in you list of Leagues. You will be picking up two new Leagues, Anoka and Blaine. Enclosed is a list of the League presidents and their addresses.

I'd appreciate hearing of any action your Leagues took on the National program, responding to Times for Action, etc. this year. Thanks.

Hope you are in good health Happy New Year

Liz Ebbott
409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Mn. 55110
612-426-3643

LWV OF SILVER BAY POSITIONS ON NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

We disagreed with the national consensus on apportionment of state legislatures. Therefore, we do not work as a League to promote the national consensus. By the same token we do not work as a League in opposition. All of the other four CR's had come to consensus before we became a League. We accepted the league positions when we took out our charter; therefore, we support the National League position on these items.

COMMANDMENTS (con't. from p. 3)

IX. Thou shalt try to see thy full value as a national organization.

X. Thou shalt try harder; Thou need not be number II.

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President. Mrs. Dale Johnson
Editor Mrs. Kenneth Judkins

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

October - Water Resources
November - Foreign Policy
January - Organization of State Govt.
January - Human Resources and
Equality of Opportunity
February - Financing Govt. in Minn.
March - Foreign Policy
April - School Survey
May - Organization of State Govt.

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

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

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

Please return to: Mrs. M I. Smith
Box 65, Star Route 2
Hibbing, Minnesota 55746

HON. JOHN A. BLATNIK, M. C.

Suggested Introductory Remarks

Rep. John A. Blatnik is Chairman of the House Public Works Committee, one of the three most powerful Committees in the House.

He ranks 29th in seniority among 435 House Members; has most seniority of any Congressman in entire Midwest.

Blatnik has dedicated his life to harmonizing nation's demands for economic development, and equally pressing need to preserve the environment; thus enhancing the quality of life wherever his programs have touched the lives of Americans.

Came to Congress in 1947; by 1956, had gained important chairmanship of House Public Works Committee's subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors. From this position, he singlehandedly wrote the first Federal Water Pollution Control Act, which set the pattern for all future water pollution control legislation.

A report from the prestigious Brookings Institute says: "Not only did he (John Blatnik) perform the major legislative roles of sponsorship, marshalling of support, negotiating and bargaining with others, and planning of overall strategy, he also played an innovative and initiatory role."

In years following first 1956 Act, Blatnik used same leadership to get enacted the Water Pollution Control Amendments of 1961, 1965, 1966, and 1970.

INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM -- 42,000 miles, \$53 billion

That same year, 1956, Blatnik joined in creating the Interstate Highway System, linking cities across the nation, giving Americans the mobility, freedom and access to recreation and goods and services throughout the country.

In 1959, he convinced Congress to set up a watch-dog committee on the Highway program, because he believed Congress could not merely create the program, and leave its management to the bureaucracy alone.

Blatnik chaired this Subcommittee -- and in the 12 years of its existence, no breath of scandal has ever been uncovered by the press or other government agencies -- a far cry from the Defense Department's C-5A, TFX boondoggles, or the nuclear submarine which sank in its own shipyard.

This Subcommittee is also in charge of highway safety; under Blatnik's leadership, the Interstate System has become the safest road system in the U.S.; is being constantly improved. It is still known as the "Blatnik Committee."

Has saved thousands of lives and billions of dollars -- has streamlined administration, made construction and maintenance effective and smoothrunning.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

Blatnik now chairs the full Public Works Committee, and has expanded the oversight authority of his Subcommittee to include the operation of all programs under the jurisdiction of the Committee -- starting with the 15-year-old Water Pollution Control program.

The Committee has just finished 3 months of forced-draft, 4 and 5-days a week hearings, morning and afternoon, to write the most far-reaching program since the original 1956 law.

The new law will contain a single, strong system of standards and enforcement; citizen suits; will raise total authorization for municipal grant program to multi-billion level, and vastly increase the Federal share of the costs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Blatnik has led Congress in the formulation and enactment of programs such as the Economic Development Administration, Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission, Accelerated Public Works Program, which builds community facilities such as municipal treatment plants, water and sewer lines, hospitals and nursing homes.

These programs have brought \$48 million in federal economic development funds to Minnesota; of which \$30 million have been invested in needy communities in the 8th District.

His latest victory was the Public Works and Economic Development Amendments of 1971, which the President signed into law on August 5, after first vetoing the program.

Blatnik spearheaded the fight to get this anti-recession, crash-employment bill past the President's desk. It was vetoed once; everyone thought it was dead. Blatnik spurred other House and Senate leaders into introducing a new bill, put it through House and Senate, back onto the President's desk within the month. It is now law.

CONSERVATION

Blatnik, singlehanded, pushed VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK through stubborn Interior Committee, past the House and Senate. He plays a leading role, with the Park Service, in restoring the GRAND PORTAGE NATIONAL MONUMENT to its original state at the turn of the 18th Century; he has stood between BWCA and mineral exploiters; and introduced legislation making KETTLE RIVER a part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, to protect it from overdevelopment and exploitation.

NEW DIRECTIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Though he has chaired the Public Works Committee for a brief nine months, the Committee has already dramatically changed direction, putting the accent on conservation and protection of the environment.

A recent column by former Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, entitled "Courageous Move by Blatnik", describes how Blatnik fought his own Committee to get water pollution control reforms; adds "Blatnik is the best ally conservationists have in the House."

Ted Pankowski Jr., the Izaak Walton League's Director of Environmental Affairs, was quoted recently in the Minneapolis Tribune as saying, "Blatnik will get the (water pollution) legislation through and he will do an excellent job of it if he gets the kind of support he needs from the conservation groups."

In addition to tough, enforceable water pollution program, Blatnik intends to reexamine the Highway Trust Fund, to expand its uses to encourage mass public transit. Has already added the express bus lane section to the 1970 Highway Act.

As soon as work is completed on the Water Pollution Control Program, Blatnik will enlarge the authorizations for the Economic Development Administration and Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission, boosting funding for UGLRC from its present \$2 million to \$25 million per year for Minnesota alone.

This High Bridge is an outstanding example of Blatnik's foresight and vision -- enabling the Twin Ports to share the advantages and prosperity, giving residents the freedom to choose jobs and friends on either side of the River.

Those of us who know the real story of this bridge have called it the Blatnik Bridge for years. Now, that title is official.

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

Speaker -

Get - Preliminary to send -
to committee

Interest

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LEGISLATION

Ocean Dumping - not.

Air Pollution - Interest to Committee

Solid Waste - Interest to Committee

THE BLATNIK RECORD

Congressman John A. Blatnik authored and got enacted into law the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1956, the first permanent national program to protect and preserve America's priceless resources of clean water.

He has also authored and managed on the Floor of the House of Representatives all of the legislation which has strengthened and expanded this program:

THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AMENDMENTS OF 1961

- Increased federal grants to \$100 million annually to help communities build sewage treatment plants

- Authorized a greatly-expanded research and demonstration program to find new methods of treating and controlling water wastes--including the \$3.5 million authorization for the National Water Quality Laboratory in Duluth to guard over the purity of Lake Superior water

- Extended the enforcement powers by allowing the federal government to bring law suits against offenders

THE WATER QUALITY ACT OF 1965

- Gave the federal government authority to set water quality standards for interstate waters

- Increased grants to communities for sewage treatment plant construction--to \$150 million annually

THE 1966 REORGANIZATION PLAN

- Transferred water pollution control to the Interior Department to help make it a more vigorous, effective program

John Sigmund
Enforcement Committee
See record
EPA doesn't
have to deal of
the 35 states -

Water Quality Act - 1956-65
Legislation Duluth - Jan 1st to have
disposal plan that won't
hurt fish

Indigent - State standards are realistic - nature not hurt - esthetics have to be
considered -

Harvard
Smith
"I have never seen
any one who
pollutes in the country"

State's have
power to
revoke Cops
of Engineers
grants by

with heavy contribution

THE CLEAN WATERS RESTORATION ACT OF 1966

- Authorized a total of \$3,550,000 (3 billion 550 million) in grants for sewage treatment plant construction over a five-year period, ending June 30, 1971
- Authorized over \$300,000,000 for intensified water pollution control research with emphasis on industrial pollution and advanced waste treatment methods
- Gave the federal government stronger investigative authority for use in pollution abatement

THE WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1970

- Gave strong new authority to the federal government for oil pollution clean-up
- Set tough liability standards for recovery of costs for oil pollution clean-up
- Set stiff criminal penalties for oil spills
- Expanded oil pollution research
- Created the Office of Environmental Quality
- Authorized establishment of water quality criteria for pesticides
- Established a \$20,000,000 program for clean-up of pollution in the Great Lakes

APPROPRIATIONS

- In 1969 and 1970 Blatnik spearheaded the successful congressional drive that raised water pollution abatement appropriations from the \$214,000,000 requested by the President to a total of \$1.8 billion

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- Chaired hearings and managed on the House Floor the reorganization plan to pull anti-pollution programs then fragmented among several federal agencies into a single agency responsible for all environmental protection

memorandum

The League of Women Voters of the United States

May 3

MEMO TO: Mrs McCoy

FROM: Dorothy Sortor, Stimpson -- League Action Staff

RE: Appointment with Congressman Blatnik, Chairman of House Public Works Committee
Since Mrs. Clusen will not be able to testify before Congressman Blatnik's committee later this month on the new Water Pollution Control legislation, we thought it would be a good idea for her to stop by and see Blatnik -- do you plan to see him while you are here -- should we coordinate the visit -- i. e. go together -- or just go ahead and set up a separate interview

I'll try to catch up with you -- but if not this afternoon would you call the League office 296-1772 extension 253 or 254 and leave a message with my secretary as to how you want us to handle the Blatnik interview

Congressional Interview

Congressman John A. Blatnik - 8th District, Minnesota - DFL

Committees: Chairman, Public Works

The interview was held in Washington, D.C. Most of the discussion was with Representative Blatnik's Administrative Assistant Jim T. Oberstar. Participating for the League: Mary Ann McCoy, LWV of Minnesota President-elect; Ann Duff, National Board; Liz Ebbott, Minnesota's National Action Chairman; Amanda Freehling, from Maryland and a member of the National League's Lobbying Corps.

U.S. Congress

The jurisdictions of House committees have not been looked at for over 20 years. In environment the work is being handled by 5 committees (36 governmental agencies). The Public Works Committee handles the major water pollution efforts and controls the Corps of Engineers, but Ocean dumping of wastes is in another committee. The Interstate Commerce Committee handles air pollution. Solid wastes are handled in that committee as well as the Interior Committee etc. The determining factor is where the bills are assigned by the Parliamentarian. While it is the Speaker who is in charge of assigning bills, in reality it is done by his assistant, Lewis Deschler, long time Parliamentarian. The air pollution legislation was sent to Interstate Commerce on the theory that air is interstate (it could be argued that water is too). Mr. Blatnik tried to get the bill transferred to Public Works, but was unsuccessful.

Mr. Oberstar commented on the personality factor in how Congress works. Wilbur Mills, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, is an "incredibly patient man". He keeps his committee going all day. Congressmen are forced by pressures of other work, meeting with constituents, etc. to leave. Around 5 p.m. there may be a vote which is then reported in the press, the first the Congressman knows of it. Mr. Mills holds proxies giving him the votes to do this.

Human Resources - Welfare Reform

Earlier in the session Representative Blatnik joined in signing a letter urging a liberal welfare program. There is concern that the pending proposal is a deliberate scheme to push more of the poor out of the South. It would allow the southern states to lower the amount they pay for the already low welfare assistance programs.

Congressman Blatnik had just called Chairman Wilbur Mills about the pending bill's "open end" provision which would reduce the amount the federal government would spend in Minnesota. Governor Anderson had called urging this action.

Environment

Mr. Oberstar told the story of how the first water pollution control act came into being in 1956. Prior to that time there was just one man

in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in charge of pollution. His office was buried deep in a basement somewhere. Congressman Blatnik gradually built support for the idea and got it passed through the Public Works Committee. It was then necessary to get it through the House Rules Committee. Howard K. Smith was chairman at that time and was opposed to the idea. Mr. Blatnik had to testify for 3 days on the bill before that committee. Representative Smith, at one point asked, "You mean the Federal government is going to start building toilets in this country?"

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Box 65 Star B2 Hibbing 55746
Jan 11, 1971

Mrs Elizabeth Ebbott
National Action Chairmen LWV
St Paul
Minn.

Dear Liz:

Thanks for your note and information about our Congressmen. Will still try for interview with Rep. Blatnik - he's been in past for everything we are for, but I realize an interview should be held.

Read Report from the Hill & Time for Action. We have this year placed information in Hibbing Voter on action needed so every member gets information. I am Time for Action Ch. so do the writing for the League. Sending you a copy of Aug 1970 - giving direct election of Pres., Eg. Emp. Appor. Comm. & Trade Bill. which I wrote on - wrote on sewage funding before.

Duluth has been very good about reporting, sending copies of letters on Direct Election Eg. Emp. Appor; Environmental Protection agency and write on Aug 31 and Nov 12 on trade bills.

Claguet wrote on Voting rights.

I haven't written to others and haven't names of Time for Action Chairmen. I hope others have written and sent copies to state office.

Sincerely
Marion Smith



JOHN A. BLATNIK
8TH DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

July 7, 1970

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

Dear Mrs. Ebbott:

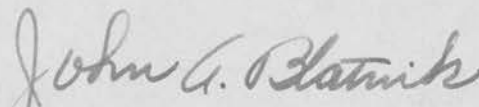
I am sorry that the pressure of my schedule kept me from joining you for the annual League of Women Voters Legislative Conference in Washington, but my staff gave me a good report on the breakfast session.

I want to take this opportunity again to congratulate the League for its splendid support of our efforts in the Congress to increase the funds for water pollution control. Without the gallant efforts of the League, we never would have made last year's historic breakthrough in boosting water pollution control funds to the \$800 million mark, nor would we this year have been able to push it upward again to the \$1 billion level.

On my behalf, please express warmest and sincerest congratulations and thanks to all the members of the Minnesota Chapter of the League of Women Voters and encourage them to continue their splendid work.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,


John A. Blatnik, M. C.

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Committees: Public Works, first ranking Democrat
Chairman, Rivers and Harbors Subcommittee
Public Roads Subcommittee
Public Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee

Government Operations
Intergovernment Operations Subcommittee

Human Resources: Congressman Blatnik regrets the limiting of the Job Corps and Headstart programs. Viable alternatives to higher education for those whose aptitudes and interests lie in other fields is a real concern. He agrees that law and order without justice means little. He would like to arrange a local conference on human resources and priorities similar to the one being planned for St. Paul later this month.

Foreign Policy:

China - He called the League's consensus statement "good" and "courageous."

Aid - The Southeast Asian countries need enormous amounts of aid. This must be made available through IDA and international agencies.

Trade - Mr. Blatnik recently authored a quota bill on imports of foreign steel. (This is a reversal of his previous open trade stance. However, it does reflect the economic concern and unrest in the district.) He supports more and more easing and opening up of east-west trade.

Water: The Congressman is upset with the "johnny-come-lately" groups who are now accusing him of inaction on pollution problems. He praises the League for its early support on this issue. His bill, The Water Quality Improvement Act of 1969 (HR 4148) which has passed the House, has good enforcement provisions and provides for research and aid to municipalities. The federal government can't give outright grants to businesses, but it can give research grants (i.e. biodegradable detergent) and tax credits for pollution abatement. He regrets that pollution control has become a political issue. He feels that experts or scientists should be the ones to diagnose the problems.

(The Washington Post, editorial, May 14, 1969, Pollution of Lake Superior . . . "Reports that the findings of pollution by the Reserve Company were suppressed in the Interior Department at the behest of Rep. John A. Blatnik of Minnesota are especially distressing. As chairman of the House Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors, Mr. Blatnik has been a leader in many campaigns against water pollution, but his enthusiasm for taconite mining in the Duluth area appears to have dulled his sensitivity to the damage that is being done to Lake Superior.")

Other issues: The greatest concerns in the world today are:

1. Viet Nam. There is a large, non-partisan feeling in Congress that the U.S. must begin a systematic withdrawal of troops and a de-Americanization of the war. The South Vietnamese and southern Viet Cong are tired of the war.

2. Middle East. This is a very explosive threat and could engage the large nuclear powers. The U.N. is not useful. Perhaps small countries as Finland, Czechoslovakia and neutral S.E. Asian countries could be successful mediators.
3. The domestic issues of inflation and tax reform.

The interview was held in a member's home. Ten League members attended, including president, vice president, and committee chairmen.

CONGRESSIONAL INTERVIEW - Supplement

Congressman John A. Blatnik - 8th District, Minnesota - DFL

The report of the League interview with Congressman Blatnik, May 1969, included a quotation from The Washington Post about the hearings which were to be held on Lake Superior pollution problems. The charges made in that editorial were subsequently challenged and denied by Mr. Blatnik. We call to your attention the following news story from the Duluth News-Tribune, May 14, 1969, which should clarify this issue:

A Lake Superior water pollution report, subject of a controversy in the wake of its unofficial release in January, produced new rumblings Tuesday at the enforcement conference in Duluth.

Recommendations in the report--by an official no longer with the Interior Department--suggested that Reserve Mining Company discontinue discharge of taconite tailings into Lake Superior within three years.

Tuesday, Carl D. Klein, Interior Department assistant secretary for water quality and research and presiding at the morning conference, refuted charges that attempts were made to suppress the report.

This question was raised in a prepared statement by Wisconsin Gov. Warren P. Knowles. His remarks, read by L. P. Voigt, secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, included the comment, "This conference must also evaluate reports in the news media alleging that a member of Congress has attempted to interfere with a federal report identifying a major source of industrial pollution in Lake Superior."

The reference apparently was to a New York Times story published Sunday in which it was intimated that U.S. Rep. John A. Blatnik, Duluth, Minn., had attempted to suppress the report.

Blatnik replied to the charge Tuesday afternoon, saying, "If anyone has information showing or bearing upon suppression of the so-called Stoddard report, they should bring this information to the attention of the conferees of this enforcement conference and it should be made public at once."

The Congressman said that if the question could not be resolved in that way, he would "hold an investigation by an official committee of the U.S. Congress in which sworn testimony will be taken under oath, and we will lay every aspect of the issue out on the public record for everyone to inspect."

"These are serious charges and the record must and shall be made clear," he continued.

"As for any inference that I had a part in the suppressing of information or findings, this is completely and categorically false," Blatnik said.

"I led the way in initiating the enforcement procedure which resulted in this Lake Superior conference. I also urged (former) Interior Secretary Stewart Udall to set up the taconite task force and was instrumental in having Mr. (Charles) Stoddard its chairman," he said.

May 14, 1970

The Honorable John A. Blatnik
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Blatnik:

The Minnesota delegation to the League of Women Voters national convention wishes to thank Mr. Oberster for joining us for breakfast May 5. The women from your district were especially pleased to have the opportunity to meet him and the other members of your staff. We appreciate his narration of the command post operation to get the funding for the water anti-pollution program last year and the outlook for future activities in this field.

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, 1,424 from your district with good response from Duluth, Cloquet, Hibbing and Virginia.

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.

It was nice to meet your staff in Washington. Our members will look forward to renewing the discussion with you in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

*cc: Duluth
Cloquet
Hibbing
Virginia
Nathan Smith
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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102

PHONE: 224-5445

DATE

March 13, 1970

With regret we must announce the resignation of Rilla Barclay, Duluth, as 8th District Action Coordinator. But is our great privilege to have returning to the job Marion Smith -

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Marion admonishes you all to reply to the Time for Action and so let her know. She sounds in great shape after her stroke more than a year ago, busy with all ⁱkinds of activities, and eager to see you get to work on those letters. Don't let her down. We're mighty pleased she's back.

yours, Liz Ebbott

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Box 65 Star Route 2
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March 2, 1970

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

Dear Senator Mondale:

Congratulations on your Sunday TV appearance-you looked assured, you talked with conviction and said what was necessary. Your account of Minnesota was appreciated. Its interesting when segregation in the North is mentioned, which because it is neighborhood based would require much busing to achieve a percent balance. The same time the same people talk against busing.

Have been principal in a number of Duluth schools, all of them had minority group children. These children attended happily, participating in the educational program as good as could be given with the funds allocated to the schools.

Am writing to you in behalf of the Hibbing League of Women Voters asking you to try to defeat the Uniformity Amendment which in actuality will likely stymie all federal desegregation efforts.

The League supports freer trade policies and is not in favor of trade restrictions.

The League is in favor of Electoral Reform allowing the direct vote for President and Vice President. The Electoral College is outdated.

In Minnesota, the league favors lowering the voting age to 19.

Am sending you several local League Bulletins and clippings. Thanks for responses to my letters. I will be in Washington, March 15-19 working with other Area Vice Presidents of the National Retired Teachers Association. May be kept too busy to visit at the Capitol. But I hope there will be time to see friends on the Hill and at the NEA.

Yours sincerely,

Marian Smith

Mrs. M.I. Smith

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The Honorable Eugene McCarthy
Senate Building
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State and National LWV office

Hibbing LWV Time for Action

Letterhead

Box 65 Star Route 2
Hibbing, Minn. 55746

March 2, 1970

The Honorable John A. Blatnik
Congressman 8th District Minnesota
House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear John:

Congratulations on your many activities reported in the Duluth, Chisholm and Hibbing papers. Especially liked the picture of you with the Special Instructional Materials mobile laboratory in the Feb. 24 Duluth paper. The article was excellent.

Am writing to you in behalf of the Hibbing League of Women Voters, asking you to try to defeat the Stennis "uniformity amendment." While this purports to rectify school segregation in all the states, in actuality it will likely stymie all federal desegregation efforts.

The League supports the direct election of the President and Vice-President and the abolishment of the present Electoral College.

The League supports freer trade policies and is not in favor of trade restrictions. You may have heard Mrs. C.O. Nickoloff express herself about this. She works with Trade and Aid on LWV committees and Hibbing Women's Club committees. Did you know she broke both ankles in a fall in front of the Free Press, Chisholm- in the hospital, Hibbing, for two more weeks.

In Minnesota, the League favors lowering the voting age to 19.

Am sending you several League Bulletins. Thanks for your good letters. Somehow, we should get together for a League Interview. Will be in Washington March 15-19 working with other Area Vice-Presidents of the National Retired Teachers Association. Hope I will have enough time to visit friends on the Hill and at the NEA.

Personal regards from my husband, M.I. and myself.

Sincerely,

Copiesto:
8th District LWV Coordinator
State and National LWV

Mrs. M.I. Smith
Hibbing Time for Action

Hibbing League

~~League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102~~

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I wrote her Feb. 3rd, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and asking for a listing of those TA's which were noted in their Bulletin. To date have not received a reply to this.

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5-year extension	RH #3	3/24	
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Foreign Assistance Treaty	TA #15	9/19	
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To allow foundations to give for voter registration	TA	11/24 11/28	
LWV POSTAGE STAMP		Aug.	

1222 Brainerd Ave.
Duluth, Minn. 55811
February 14, 1970

Miss Nancy Peterson
707 5th Avenue South
Virginia, Minn. 55792

Dear Miss Peterson:

I have noted your change of address, and I'm sending you, with this letter, some things which I hope will be helpful.

Apparently you do not have a copy of the State League "Congressional Action" of June, 1968. I am enclosing an extra copy which I have. I think this will answer most of your questions.

I would strongly urge that the Virginia League subscribe to Time for Action for you. At present, it is going to your president. Most leagues find it is just too difficult to count on having the president pass it on to the Action representative. Oftentimes by the time the mailing reaches Northern Minnesota it is imperative that the response be immediate if it is to be at all effective. I am enclosing a sample to show you what I mean.

I'm also enclosing a sample response.

If you don't have the pamphlet "When You Write to Washington" from the national office, you probably will want to order it. It's listed as publication # 349, 1969, price- 50 cents.

The sort of letter Louise Grams had written to the Mesabi Daily News, which we talked about on the phone, is a good way, I would think, for your League to inform the community, when that seems called for. It's a good idea to have a listing of League members you can depend on to write a letter whenever you call them. The Time for Action you receive always gives good background to be used in writing.

Apparently you didn't receive the cards, either. Enclosed.

If you still have questions or problems, do call for help!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Durant Barclay, Jr.
8th District Coordinator

cc: Mrs. R.L. Steinhaver, president, Virginia League

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

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National Retired Teachers Association



MARION SMITH, VICE PRESIDENT AREA VI
STAR ROUTE 2, BOX 65, HIBBING, MINNESOTA 55746

March 3, 1970

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
National Action Chairman
409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110

Dear Liz:

Mrs. Gerald Zahn gave me your letter about 8th District. Sorry to hear Mrs. Barclay has had to resign. I brought the files on the work to her on October sixth.

When I had that CVA, December 15, struggled in hospital to learn to walk again, got out December 24, still with very little use of left arm, I only dropped three District 8 jobs: First VP Women's Club, First VP Horticultural Society and the Time for Action LWV. The VP meant the Presidency in 1970. Used a cane at first and continued with pulley exercises. One is never quite the same after a stroke, moreover it's an experience to never repeat.

But I never gave up local LWV: Jan. 3-briefed unit leaders in Financing Gov. in Minn. Jan. 5 led topic in Unit 2, Jan. 21 LWV Board. Kept up my Women's Club work too, on Jan. 12 presided as President and began attending the endless meeting planning for MFWC meeting in Hibbing in May. In Jan. attended two WSCS meetings at church. The big effort was to fly to Kansas City January 22 to talk to a luncheon meeting of the Kansas City Retired Teachers. There are eight to ten local meetings every month.

The interest that comes first is the Vice Presidency of Area VI which includes seven states. When Agnes O'Connor died in Sept. 1969, I was asked to take this job of working with seven state directors and state officers and 99 locals. Last May, I talked at three state conventions: Pierre, S.D.; Jefferson City, Mo.; and Des Moines, Iowa. In Sept. spoke at Grand Island, Neb. and in Oct. in Minot, N.D. Will fly for the fifth time to Washington on March 15 on NRTA business; have workshops and meetings in Wichita, Jefferson City, Mason City, Davenport in April and May.

Mrs. Sylva Nickoloff is very busy too- She has two more weeks in the hospital as she broke both ankles in a fall.

I'll do this but I wish we could get the names of those who will do the job and send in reports on Time for Action. The Hibbing League paid for Time for Action to be sent to me. What if the local doesn't do this and the president gets overwhelmed with her mail so does nothing?

Always marvel that the great work the LWV Board is doing.

Sincerely, *Marion*
Mrs. M. I. Smith

409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
March 10, 1970

Mrs. M.I. Smith
Box 65, Star Route 2
Hibbing, Minnesota 55746

Dear Marion:

You're wonderful and a wonder! It's good to hear you're so full of vigor and pep again; I'm tired just reading your letter. Many thanks for taking back the job.

I have: asked the state office to send cards to your Leagues along with a note telling them to do better.

asked the state office to send you some stationary and expense account sheets.

asked Mrs. Barclay to get the file to you

asked National to transfer the subscription to you (you probably already have the mailing, but it didn't seem worth it to try to get them to cancel and refund.)

Your contacts are:

President:

Mrs. Frederick Wolner (Arlene), President
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Mrs. Joseph Gomer (Liz)
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Mrs. Gerald Zahn (Leonore)
Star Route, Pengilly, Minn

Mrs. James D. Gray (Ruth)
98 Hays Circle, Silver Bay, Minn 55614

Mrs. R.L. Steinhaver
1021 15th St. N., Virginia 55792

Action Chairman

Mrs. William Bohren (Betty)
306 22nd St. Cloquet 55720

Miss Nancy Peterson
330 1st St S. Virginia
55792

Rilla Barclay said you might be seeing Blatnik in Washington. We'll appreciate hearing any comments he might make. I still think the membership would get a lot out of a personal meeting with him in Hibbing or Virginia, etc. if he ever gets back & it can be arranged ... maybe as the weather warms up and the election comes closer.

Yours a dear —
L. E. H. TT

1222 Brainerd Avenue
Duluth, Minnesota 55811

Dear Mrs. Barclay:

Thank you for your good letter on behalf of the five league groups from Northeastern Minnesota - and, of course, I will try to schedule meetings with each of the groups at a convenient time when I will be back in the District in the coming weeks ahead.

As you rightly point out, our District is so elongated and we have so many counties, it really does present a problem trying to spend enough time in each area to have an enjoyable and leisurely visit with the people. Particularly, do I enjoy the get-togethers with the various league groups as I have always found them to be stimulating and thought provoking.

The National Offices of the League of Women Voters, particularly, through Lois Sharpe, was especially helpful and active when I launched the drive for full funding of the water pollution control program. The League sent volunteers to our "command post" here in the Rayburn Building and had staff people helping throughout the critical debate and voting on the House side. The fact that we came within two votes of getting the full billion dollars is a tribute in itself to the tremendous help the League gave us.

I am delighted to know that Mrs. Gomer and Mrs. Olin will be coming to Washington for your national convention and will certainly try to visit with them. In response to your question, I would suggest that their visit would be more meaningful if they could attend a committee session. They should, therefore, call my office (225-6211) on arriving in Washington and I will gladly advise them on the committees that will be meeting during the time of their visit, and will furnish them with passes to the House and Senate sessions so that they can watch actual proceedings in Congress. I will also write directly to Mrs. Gomer and Mrs. Olin and send general information on Washington which I hope will help make their trip more enjoyable.

With all best wishes and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

John A. Blatnik
John A. Blatnik, M. C.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DULUTH

222 GREYHOUND BUILDING

DULUTH, MINNESOTA 55802

1222 Brainerd Ave.
Duluth, Minn. 55811
March 5, 1970

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

Dear Liz:

I'll be glad to continue holding the record^y I have and the Time for Action mailing until I hear from you. I deliberately didn't notify leagues in the district that I was resigning, since I figured you would want to give them the name of the new person at the same time the resignation was announced--it goes so much smoother that way. And I nudged them on the Popular Election T/A.

I did mention to Congressman Blatnik that I had resigned my official League positions and was just on a League-member basis now, since he happened to come past the registration desk where I was stationed at a DFL-sponsored Forum on Domestic Priorities here in Duluth a couple of weeks ago.

I had just received a letter from him at that time.--Copy enclosed. I had emphasized in my letter that I hoped to arrange a meeting at which all 5 Leagues could be represented. You will note that he probably will be meeting with our president and 1st v.p. when they attend the national convention. I have just had a note from Marion Smith asking for a Congressional Interview report form to take along with her when she goes to a meeting of national retired teachers in Washington next week--in case she decided to use it. With so many individual members meeting with the Congressman, and in view of the wide geographical separation of our 5 Leagues, perhaps some sort of composite interview can be worked out.

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I am enclosing a letter-to-the-editor I wrote for Liz Gomer, and the editorial which prompted it. Liz called last night and said she has had about 15 approving calls on this letter, and 2 requests to speak--one at some Business and Professional Women's Conference, and the other at a 2-day youth conference in which Dick Gregory will participate.

I felt I wanted to be active in my political party at this time because it is an election year, and it seemed workers were much needed. I have just made myself available to do what I can. Am working on the constitutional committee for my State Legislature--Senatorial district, and have accepted an assignment to handle publicity for a fund-raising visit to Duluth by Sen. George McGovern.



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*Sincerely,
Lillian*

Mrs. Durant Barclay, Jr.

409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
March 10, 1970

Mrs. Durant Barclay, Jr.
1222 Brainerd Ave.
Duluth, Minn. 55811

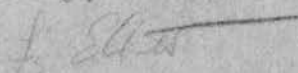
Dear Rilla;

To our great pleasure, Marion Smith said she would take back the job. It sounds like her stroke hasn't slowed her down a bit. We are hoping that the other Leagues can get into the Time for Action habit along with Duluth and Hibbing. Speaking of action, your letter on lowering the voting age was excellent and the follow-up very interesting. Also, we may share with the other Leagues the paragraph from Blatnik's letter about the water pollution control effort, if there are no objections.

The office will eventually get the cards out telling the Leagues to reply to Marion. I've written National to transfer the subscription to her, but that may take a long time. I think Marion has her own, Hibbing League, subscription, so you can make use of the mailings that still may come. Would you please get the file back to her? And do send in a bill for your expenses.

We appreciate the time and help you've given to this job. I guess we're making progress in getting more member response. It's rather glacial at times, but then... Good luck on your political efforts. And many thanks.

Sincerely,



409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
February 22, 1970

Mrs. Gerald Zahn
Star Route
Pengilly, Minn. 55775

Dear Leonore:

Mrs. Durant Barclay, Jr. the National Action Coordinator for the 8th District has had to resign. We are now looking for a replacement. Hibbing League has done such a good job with action that it seemed that perhaps you people would have someone for the position.

I understand that Marion Smith is doing your action. It's wonderful that she is back being busy with League again. Would she be interested in taking back the job? Another suggestion might be Mrs. Nickloff. The job is an at home one. It is keeping track of what Leagues have responded to Time for Action and reminding those that haven't. We also try to use the Coordinator to set up a League interview with the Congressman once a year. (Although Representative Blatnik hasn't been too cooperative as Marion well knows.)

We hope you people will have someone who is interested. She can be political. We will set her up in business, get the files to her, the National Time for Action mailing, etc.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott, National
Action Chrm.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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

1222 Brainerd Ave.
Duluth, Minn. 55811
February 14, 1970

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

Dear Liz:

I'm enclosing the reports from our district. If I receive any more definite information from Cloquet, I'll forward it to you. In general, we all seem to feel guilty that we haven't done MORE, so I have found a reluctance to be specific in reporting, and have had to try to overcome this.

We all feel the pressure of multiple League assignments. In these smaller Leagues, that is even more of a problem. Here in Duluth, we feel it, and it seems to me it must exist on the State level, also. I have reached the conclusion that the district coordinating office needs to perform a service to the local representative, if the units are to add this extra task of reporting to the district. What I have in mind is, when the Time for Action is received early enough to allow this, that a sample suggested letter might go out from the district coordinator.

It seems rather incredible, but I had written the Virginia League, talked by phone to the president (when I couldn't reach their Action representative) talked by phone to the Action Representative later after having written her again, and it wasn't until I had written once more that I received a note from her explaining that she really couldn't figure out what she was supposed to do, and the president hadn't been able to help her out. This was the reason for the lack of response from this League.

My experience has been that even though members have indicated they are willing to write letters, they do not respond to a bulletin suggestion urging them to write, and frequently don't follow through on a telephone request unless a specific wording is suggested. We live and learn!

Rep. Blatnik has not responded to the request for an interview. He is scheduled to be in Duluth next weekend, so there is a chance I can ask him in person about this.

I resigned my Duluth board position at our January meeting, so that I may freely take an active role in party politics. Our president, Liz Gomer, has asked me to continue my Action work off the board. Since I have always ~~signed~~ written official letters over her signature, this probably will not create a problem for the League, so I have told her I will carry on until the next election on that basis.



Liz Ebbott
Feb. 14--2

District Coordinator, because I don't really have the system clicking as I think it should be.

Marion Smith is going great in Hibbing, of course. She turned over her file to me, by the way. I hope that both Virginia and Cloquet will be able to do better now. I haven't really worked out good communication with Silver Bay--I suspect this League is one which could use some help. I am aware now where our weaknesses are in Duluth, and can see what can be done to improve our response here.

I'm convinced that response to Time for Action is of paramount importance to our organization, so I shall want to do anything I can to assist ~~xxxxxxxx~~ my successor.

Sincerely,

Lella
Mrs. Durant Barclay, Jr.

200 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
February 22, 1970

Mrs. Durant Barclay, Jr.
1222 Brainerd Ave.
Duluth, Minn 55802

Dear Rilla;

I was so sorry to get your letter of resignation. I wish we had an option of refusing it. You've done a very good job; your letter to your Leagues was just excellent. I will start the process of finding another coordinator and if you don't object, would you mind holding what records you have as well as the continuing Time for Action mailing until we have located some one to take over? Thanks.

What you have found out about the degree of League response in your district is pretty typical throughout the state. That is the reason we set up the coordinators and try to keep the position active. Every additional bit of emphasis, reminder, etc. does help get the Leagues involved, but at times it is very discouraging. (It is especially baffling since we get so much intraLeague pressure to be more active.) If you come up with any ideas of how we could improve action, I'd love to have your thoughts. That really is the whole name of the League game, teaching our members how to become politically effective.

Thanks for your help and good luck. If you could get Blatnik for an interview it would be great. Any possible Duluth League successor? (I'll probably try Hibbing again, first.) I don't know what sort of political activity you will be doing, but except for tactical reasons, a political League member is fine as a coordinator. In fact a friend of the Congressman would be a great advantage.

Hope to meet you some time.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott

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DULUTH, MINNESOTA 55802

January 20, 1970

Dear Liz--

Shall send you the reports when I have as much information as I am able to supply. Blatnik wasn't in our area during the recess, but I did have in my file this letter he had written last summer in response to one I wrote for our President's signature. I had intended to send it to you long ago, when I sent the copy on to National as requested, but slipped up. Sorry about that.

Lilla

Mrs. Durant Barclay, Jr.
8th Congressional District



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June 2, 1969

Mrs. Ralph D. Ebbott
409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110

Dear Liz:

Thanks so much for that packet of goodies! Was very interested in reading that excellent statement made at the Priorities conference. If conference coverage extended to this area, I missed it--and I was watching for it.

I feel very grateful to you for the Blatnik clips from the Congressional Record, knowing how busy you must be.

Congressman Blatnik told us that he has already allotted his quota of subscriptions to the Congressional Record. Actually, I didn't feel unhappy to hear that. When I worked for USDA in St. Paul a good many years ago, one of my duties was to follow Congressional action, and I recall the stacks of CR's which accumulated!... I have access to a library which has the Congressional Records all neatly filed (for many years) complete with indices, and there is a coin-operated copying machine just a few feet away. I think this will be satisfactory, unless I am stymied sometime when copies are being bound--always providing I don't get lazy about getting to the library for the research!

Noted in yesterday's paper that Senator Mondale will come to Duluth this next week to open a Senate office in our town. Must check and see if this has been done previously--it is new to me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Durant Barclay, Jr.



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June 4, 1969

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Mrs. Gerald Zahn (Leonore) -----President -----
Star Route, Pengilly, Minn.

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Mrs. James D. Gray (Ruth) -----President ----- 226-3643
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Many Were Put on 'Trial' at Lake Pollution Parley

By RON WAY

Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

The Reserve Mining Co., which was accused of harming Lake Superior by dump-

ing vast amounts of taconite waste tailings into it, wasn't the only defendant in the three-day water enforcement conference last week

Analysis:
WHAT THE
NEWS
MEANS



Blatnik



Babich

Heard at conference

was going to "have a talk" with Klein and "straighten a few things out."

He doesn't want to remain

at Duluth, Minn.



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DULUTH, MINNESOTA 55802

May 21, 1969

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

Liz:
Dear ~~Mr. Ebbott~~

If a newspaper is to be quoted in the re-done report of the Congressional interview with Mr. Blatnik, I think it would be preferable that the Duluth News-Tribune be quoted, rather than the Labor World.

I have copied the story which I didn't have at hand when I first wrote you, so that you can use quotes or give the information in your own words. You can see I worked myself into a tricky situation by using the accepted double quote marks to indicate the quotation, and a single mark to show my source was using quotation marks at that point.

Better luck!

Rilla

Mrs. Durant Barclay, Jr.
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1222 Brainerd Ave.
Duluth, Minn. 55811
May 19th

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

Dear Liz--

I know you are much too busy now with State Convention to answer my question at this time. Nevertheless, I feel an obligation to raise the question right away, since I received the mimeographed report of the Congressional interview with Congressman Blatnik in the last mail.

My question relates to the quotation in the report from the Washington Post editorial of May 14, 1969. In a letter to me you mentioned that you got information on water in Washington. Perhaps on the basis of that, you decided not to use Congressman Blatnik's statement of May 13, 1969 on this question of suppression of findings. The possibility that it had not been called to your attention also exists--and that is my question: Were you aware of it?

I heard Congressman Blatnik make the statement on a local television newscast. This quotation is from The Labor World, a weekly. (Duluth daily papers carried this, but I do not have the clippings at hand):

"Carl D. Klein, assistant secretary for water quality and research for the Department of Interior, Tuesday denied that attempts were made to suppress the Stoddard report by a member of Congress. Governor Warren P. Knowles of Wisconsin, in his prepared statement to the conference said 'this conference must also evaluate reports in the news media alleging that a member of Congress has attempted to interfere with a federal report identifying a major source of industrial pollution in Lake Superior.'"

"A New York Times story last Sunday intimated that Rep. John A. Blatnik had attempted to suppress the Stoddard report. Just before the noon lunch break on Tuesday, Rep. Blatnik said 'if anyone has information showing or bearing upon suppression of the so-called Stoddard report, they should bring this information to the attention of the conferees of this (enforcement) and it should be made public at once.'"

"Rep. Blatnik also said that if the question could not be resolved in this way, he would 'hold an investigation by an official committee of the U.S. Congress in which sworn testimony



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will be taken under oath, and we will lay every aspect of the issue out on the public record for everyone to inspect.

"These are serious charges and the record must and shall be cleared. As for any inference that I had a part in the suppressing of information, or findings, this is completely and categorically false," said Blatnik."

The question of suppression of findings was raised at our interview with Congressman Blatnik by Mrs. Arlene Harvell, Two Harbors LWV member, who also is president of the Save Lake Superior Association. In answer Congressman Blatnik emphasized that he favored full release of information to the public. He was critical of the way the Stoddard report had been handled and said as quoted, that he believed "experts or scientists should be the ones to diagnose the problems." *(the League report)*

This question of the Stoddard report is not as simple as it might seem, and I think has created a good deal of confusion. I was discussing it yesterday with one of the scientists who contributed to the data which went into the Stoddard report, and found that actually there were 2 reports made by Chuck Stoddard, on the same basic data-- one for the U.S. Corps of Engineers, one for the Federal Water ~~Pollution~~ Pollution Control Agency! Mr. Stoddard at the time was an employee of the Interior Department, located in Duluth, with the title of regional coordinator. Mr. Stoddard has testified at the hearing in Duluth this past week.

Congressman Blatnik used a medical analogy, but maybe the principle here can be illustrated if I switch to League terms. I believe it would be analogous to my preparing and forwarding a report (as coordinator for the 8th district) and then having the information and recommendations of my report appear in news media, emanating from Washington, and attributed to the League of Women Voters.

(number of) Mr. Stoddard's report was based on the work and findings of a ~~number of~~ scientists. The particular scientist with whom I spoke was critical of the Stoddard report on two counts: (1) on the basis of the scientific findings (which he had not made but was reporting) Mr. Stoddard had made recommendations. This man said he did not agree with those recommendations. (2) The scientist was also critical of the same aspect Congress Blatnik mentioned. I think Mr. Blatnik used the "word" "unevaluated" report, but the scientist expressed concern over release of what he called "a rough draft."

It is my understanding that either a copy of the Stoddard report to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or the information in it, was made available to news media, but not through usual information sources. "Leaked" is the word used. It was identified as an "Interior Department" report. *(Later called "unofficial" and "premature" by department officials.)*
The Water Pollution conference held here resulted from the ~~xxx~~ report's being made public. I suppose we can not be sure what the results or action would have been, had the report been handled in the normal way.

Obviously the subject is of great concern to all our population, and there are ramifications of special concerns. Just to give you a sample, I enclose a clipping from the letters-to-the editor

section of our local paper.

The conference was widely attended, and well publicized. I haven't heard any reports of anyone favoring pollution, but certainly there are differences of opinion on many matters with which the conference was concerned. Persons representing a wide range of interests testified.

I caught a local TV station editorial which raised the question of why the governor of Wisconsin was expressing concern about the pollution of the lake by Reserve Mining company (plant located in Minnesota) but showed no concern about the conference report of the "red water" discharge from the DuPont plant located in Wisconsin.

As an ex-reporter I feel sympathy for newswriters struggling to report complicated matters for the general public. I was struck yesterday by the differing impressions a reader would get from reading Sharon Goldsworthy's story on the conference in the Duluth Sunday paper as compared to Ron Way's "analysis" in the Sunday Minneapolis Trib.

Example: From Mrs. Goldsworthy: "The Wisconsin water research created one of the side issues. A Minneapolis lawyer, Gregg Merritt, representing an anti-pollution organization, learned of the studies and asked that they be presented to the conference.

"His request was denied by the FWPCA commissioner, David D. Dominick. Later U.S. Rep. John A. Blatnik, D.-Minn., insisted the data be presented and Dominick agreed." ***

From Mr. Way: "To get back in the good graces of the conservationists, Blatnik personally went before conferees and requested the information be entered on the record."

"That helped. One active conservationist at the conference said Blatnik 'looked better, but he still has a long way to go.'"

My point is this. The reader must rely on Mrs. Goldsworthy's objectivity in choosing the verb "insist" rather than a weaker verb such as "asked" if he accepts her account. In reading Mr. Way's analysis, there is no way to determine how Mr. Way acquired this insight into Rep. Blatnik's motivation. There is no indication that he had interviewed Mr. Blatnik. Was Mr. Way deducing this from the result? Other motivations might be advanced! Did Mr. Way arrive at this conclusion from his talk with "one active conservationist?" If so, this reader would appreciate having the "active conservationist" identified. The term "conservationist" can be used to describe some people I would rate as highly informed and others whom I consider --well perhaps I should be charitable and say they mean well!

And I really mean well in subjecting you to this lengthy discourse.

was intrigued to read in your biography that you are reading a Gr. Great Books group. - This is one of my interests which has been dormant the past two years since I have been living in Duluth.

Sincerely,

Lilla

Mrs. Durant Barclay, Jr.

CONGRESSIONAL INTERVIEW

Congressman John A. Blatnik - 8th District, Minnesota - DFL

Committees: Public Works, first ranking Democrat
Chairman, Rivers and Harbors Subcommittee
Public Roads Subcommittee
Public Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee

Government Operations
Intergovernment Operations Subcommittee

Human Resources: Congressman Blatnik regrets the limiting of the Job Corps and Headstart programs. Viable alternatives to higher education for those whose aptitudes and interests lie in other fields is a real concern. He agrees that law and order without justice means little. He would like to arrange a local conference on human resources and priorities similar to the one being planned for St. Paul later this month.

Foreign Policy:

China - He called the League's consensus statement "good" and "courageous."

Aid - The Southeast Asian countries need enormous amounts of aid. This must be made available through IDA and international agencies.

Trade - Mr. Blatnik recently authored a quota bill on imports of foreign steel. (This is a reversal of his previous open trade stance. However, it does reflect the economic concern and unrest in the district.) He supports more and more easing and opening up of east-west trade.

Water: The Congressman is upset with the "johnny-come-lately" groups who are now accusing him of inaction on pollution problems. He praises the League for its early support on this issue. His bill, The Water Quality Improvement Act of 1969 (HR 4148) which has passed the House, has good enforcement provisions and provides for research and aid to municipalities. The federal government can't give outright grants to businesses, but it can give research grants (i.e. biodegradable detergent) and tax credits for pollution abatement. He regrets that pollution control has become a political issue. He feels that experts or scientists should be the ones to diagnose the problems.

(The Washington Post, editorial, May 14, 1969, Pollution of Lake Superior . . . "Reports that the findings of pollution by the Reserve Company were suppressed in the Interior Department at the behest of Rep. John A. Blatnik of Minnesota are especially distressing. As chairman of the House Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors, Mr. Blatnik has been a leader in many campaigns against water pollution, but his enthusiasm for taconite mining in the Duluth area appears to have dulled his sensitivity to the damage that is being done to Lake Superior.")

Other issues: The greatest concerns in the world today are:

1. Viet Nam. There is a large, non-partisan feeling in Congress that the U.S. must begin a systematic withdrawal of troops and a de-Americanization of the war. The South Vietnamese and southern Viet Cong are tired of the war.

2. Middle East. This is a very explosive threat and could engage the large nuclear powers. The U.N. is not useful. Perhaps small countries as Finland, Czechoslovakia and neutral S.E. Asian countries could be successful mediators.
3. The domestic issues of inflation and tax reform.

The interview was held in a member's home. Ten League members attended, including president, vice president, and committee chairmen.

1-218-724-2082

MRS. RICHARD E. NELSON
2730 BRANCH STREET
DULUTH, MINNESOTA 55812

1-218-555-
1212

Tuesday
Jan. 28th

Dear Liz.

I must apologize for not answering your letter sooner concerning the League interview with Blatnik and filling Marion Smith's job of Congressional Action Coordinator.

I am presently trying to set up the interview with Blatnik and will let you know time & place as soon as it is confirmed.

The next action you requested came upon a stumbling block and our Board has tabled your request until

our next meeting which is February 20th. Several members of my committee feel - and have felt since the job was created - that the job of Congressional Action Coordinator is superfluous and just is busy work. If we are responsible LWW members we will do our job without 'reporting in'!! Since my League 'history' is short - I'm open to any comments & suggestions.

You will soon be receiving ~~the~~ ^{the} Program for our Trade Workshop on Feb. 15. Sorry I didn't get down to the State one but I heard from 2 different Duluth men that they thought it was excellent.

Yours -
Dorothy Nelson

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DULUTH

222 GREYHOUND BUILDING
DULUTH, MINNESOTA 55802

1222 Brainerd Ave.
Duluth, Minn. 55811
May 12, 1969

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

Dear Liz:

I received my first national Time for Action last week. How's that!

And yes, I was able to make the meeting Dorthy Nelson had arranged with Congressman Blatnik. As a result of it, we were able to write him knowing that he shared the League's concern over the precipitous closing of the Job Corps Centers.

Water is a big issue around here, too. Just talked with Mrs. Alexander, our Water Resources chairman. She will be testifying at tomorrow's hearing, as will a member of the Two Harbors League who also attended the meeting with Blatnik. I understand a State League representative will meet with them tonight.

These are interesting times here in the 8th district, in St. Louis county. There is unrest, economic concern. Our Congressman is facing unprecedented antagonism within his own party, as reported in the press and as he mentioned. Of course these things can and do change with changing events, but it

appears some of the sentiment would not favor League stands. (For example, my evaluation would be that a candidate who opposed iron ore quotas wouldn't stand a chance in this neck of the woods, right now. Could be I'm wrong; could be changes, too.)



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I can't make the state convention. I'm sure it will be a good one, and no doubt you have Dorthy's report by now. Thank you for that explanatory letter and the material.
Sincerely,

Lilla Barclay

Mrs. Durant Barclay, Jr.

Congressman John A. Blatnik - Democratic-Farmer-Labor
8th Congressional District

Washington Address:
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Home Address:
12 SW 4th Street
Chisholm

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

Born in Chisholm, Minnesota, August 17, 1911. Graduate Chisholm public schools. Taught one-room school. Graduated from Winona State Teachers College as top honor student, 1935, B.E. degree. Attended University of Chicago, summer 1938; one year graduate work in public administration, U. of Minnesota, 1941-2. Two years in CCC camps. Taught chemistry two years Chisholm High School; 2½ years administrative assistant to St. Louis County Superintendent of Schools, Minnesota. Elected to Minnesota State Senate in 1940, youngest member of Senate; re-elected in 1942; elected to Congress 1946. Re-elected 1948, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, and 1966. World War II veteran, 3½ years Air Corps Intelligence and OSS; 18 months overseas; awarded Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and Air Medal; discharged 1946 as paratrooper captain. Married to Gisela Hager in 1955; son, Thomas H., and daughters, Stephanie and Valerie.

Current Committees:

Committee Public Work - chair. of subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors
member of committee on Public Roads
member of committee on Public Buildings and Grounds

Committee on Government Operations - member of subcommittee on Intergovernment Operations
chair. of group planning reorganization of governing body of Washington D.C.

Current Legislative Action: (areas of special interest, legislation introduced, etc.)

Working in the area of reorganization of governing body of Washington D.C.
Working on establishing national park in Minnesota
Working on establishing national park in Apostle Islands Complex

On roll call votes on key issues in 1966:

Voted against deleting rent supplements from the supplemental appropriations bill
Voted for minimum wage increase and extension of coverage
Position not known on Food for Freedom Act
Voted against one year authorization for foreign economic aid instead of two
Paired against deleting "open housing" in the Civil Rights bill
Voted against striking the enacting clause of the Economic Opportunity bill
Voted for the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act

On roll call votes on key issues in 1967:

Voted for increased aid to Latin America
Voted to allow a 30% population variation in congressional district sizes until 1972 with a maximum variation of 10% following
Voted against allotting funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title III to the state departments of education to be distributed by them rather than by the federal government
Voted to establish the National Water Commission
Voted for increased funds for the Inter-American Development Bank
Voted in support of the reorganization of city government for the District of Columbia
Voted for an elected Board of Education for D.C.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION ON REPRESENTATIVE BLATNIK

Representative Blatnik won the first Bernard M. Baruch Prize of \$2,000 for outstanding contribution in the field of conservation. The award was made for his authoring of the Water Pollution Control Act.

Foreign Aid and Trade

In testimony at a Senate Finance Committee hearing, Representative Blatnik called for US quotas on imports of foreign ores. He argued that taconite is in a starting up phase and that help is needed in this transition period to get a foothold - at least until the taconite plants can get fully operational.

Voted for the Foreign Assistance Act of 1967.

Voted for the foreign aid appropriation bill.

Economic Opportunity Act:

Voted to take up the bill.

Voted against cutting \$460 million from the bill.

Voted for the Economic Opportunity Act conference report.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act: Voted for the bill.

1222 Brainerd Avenue
Duluth, Minnesota 55811
April 30, 1969

Mrs. Ralph D. Ebbott
409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110

Dear Mrs. Ebbott:

Thank you for sending me the Congressional
Action sheet. I'll be pleased to receive the "Report
From the Hill" and further details about the job of
Congressional Action Coordinator.

Perhaps you have the word by now: Dorthy
Nelson's efforts have paid off! Just after I received
your letter, she called to say that she had been
contacted by Congressman Blatnik's assistant, and as a
result, an interview has been scheduled with the
Congressman to be held this Sunday afternoon. I know she
has reported this to the State League office.

Dorthy invited me to attend their session. I
haven't as yet checked to be sure my husband hasn't made
other plans for us, but am hoping to be there.

I know Dorthy will be sending a report of the
interview to State and National League offices (or
someone on her committee will). I don't know if the
Coordinator's duties would normally include a report to
member Leagues in the District, or not. As you know, I'm
not clue~~d~~-in as yet on these duties, and of course do not
have a list at present. I'm not worrying, as I am sure
all this will be taken care of--just mentioned it!

Hope your trip to Washington proves to be a
stimulating one!

Sincerely,

Hilla Barclay
Mrs. Durant Barclay, Jr.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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

409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
May 8, 1969

Mrs. Durant Barclay, Jr.
1222 Brainerd Ave.
Duluth, Minnesota 55811

Dear Rilla,

I hope you got to Sunday's interview and I am looking forward to a report of it --(If I can get it by the first of next week, we should be able to get it out in time for State Convention). Water is really a hot issue that we got involved in in Washington-- I ~~xxxxx~~ gave Dorthy our information and I hope the hearings do prove us wrong and that they are an honest attempt to deal with Lake Superior. It should be interesting.

As for being a coordinator:

1. Since we are getting new presidents, I'll get your contact list to you soon after the State Convention.
2. The yellow sheet briefly outlines the procedure.
3. Enclosed are the background sheets, voting records, interview sheets on Blatnik, McCarthy and Mondale.
4. I'll get an expense voucher to you when I get into the office.
5. I've started a subscription service - National Time for Action-- for you which will eventually start.

The mechanical sequence of being coordinator is that you receive a Time for Action mailing the same time the local League receives it. They are supposed to write their congressmen at least an official letter within a week and at the same time either send you a carbon of the letter or a response post card that we have given them. If you don't hear after this week or so, you are to remind them and try to get them to respond.

In addition, I'd like to hear from time to time how the 8th District is doing. We get the Congressional Record and eventually check through it for voting records, bills introduced, debate, etc. involving Minnesota's Congressmen. If you have any local information of interest, this can be included and we get a summary out at least once a year after the session. (You might find it interesting to get the Congressional Record. I would imagine that Blatnik would be happy to have it sent to you.) The other part of the job is to arrange the Congressional interview. We try to have one every year, usually as soon after election or adjournment as possible. (The interview Sunday was the first in at least three years; so our record hasn't been too good in your district.) The summary of the interview would be your responsibility with the state League office running it off and getting it back to the other Leagues. When possible, we are encouraging the other Leagues in the district to attend the interview.



TELEPHONE 373-2959

Hope this gets you started

Sincerely,
Liz Ebbott (Mrs. Ray Ebbott)

M TO: Liz Ebbott

E FROM: State Office - Mildred

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O SUBJECT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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

DATE 4-29-68

Mrs. Nelson, Foreign Policy Chairman, from Duluth called with this message -
There will be an interview with Congressman Blatnik on Sunday, May 4th at 2:30 PM
at the home of Mrs. Donald Kunkel, 3814 Gladstone, Duluth. I also sent a notice of
this meeting to Marion Watson in the event anyone from the Metro Area would be interested.

MRS. RICHARD E. NELSON
2730 BRANCH STREET
DULUTH, MINNESOTA 55812

Dear Liz.

I heard from John Blatnik last week & he wasn't home during the week of Feb. 7-19 - he had to go to Calif. to inspect the oil-damaged shore! He said that "in advance of his next trip later this year" - he will be in touch to work out a mutually agreeable date. So, I'll let you know as soon as I hear.

And, yes, the Duluth League will appoint ~~a~~ Congressional Co-ordinator

and will send you her name as soon
as it's accomplished.

Like you, we were disappointed
in the attendance - about 100 - for
our ^{trade} workshop but the enthusiasm
& interest of those attending was
was great.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Nelson

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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

401 Buckwood Ave
White Bear Lake, Minn 55110
Aug. 25, 1969

Mrs. Durant Barclay
1222 Brainerd Ave.
Duluth, Minn 55802

Dear Mrs. Barclay,

I was very pleased to hear from
Lore Gunde & that you will be willing to
take on the job of Congressional Action
Coordinator for the 8th District. The enclosed
sheet gives a brief outline of action procedures.

Since the League is in the process
of getting new Presidents I will wait
a little before sending out your name & your
card. There will be a little delay in
sending the name tag. We will start
a new list. Right from the 4th meeting for
your card will send you more details about
the job before too long.

The League hasn't arranged an
interview yet with Rep. Blatter. Dorothy
Nelson has tried to set one up. This next
week I will be in Wash. for the League
and if there is an opportunity, I'll see it.

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Mrs.
RICHARD E. NELSON
2730 Branch Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55812



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

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DULUTH

222 GREYHOUND BUILDING

DULUTH, MINNESOTA 55802

April 21, 1969

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

Dear Mrs. Ebbott,

Our Area Coordinator will be:

Mrs. Durant Barclay
1222 Brainerd Avenue
Duluth, Minnesota, 55802

Sincerely,

Elizabeth C. Gomer
Elizabeth C. Gomer
(Mrs. Joseph Gomer)

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Affiliated with the
League of Women Voters of the U. S.

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

Dear Dorothy,

Thank you very much for getting in contact with Mr. Blatnik. It may require a bit of pestering. I hope you are successful in setting up an interview, and I'm looking forward to hearing from you about it.

I appreciate the Duluth's Board taking another look at the position of Congressional Coordinator. I was aware that there had been reluctance previously to supply this position from Duluth. This had happened before I took on the job, and I'm not very clear about the arguments pro and con at that time.

We have had coordinators in the eight districts, more or less, for the past two years. I think they have been very valuable for two major reasons. One is that they give the State League a direct channel of communication into each district. This is most obvious when it comes to the yearly interview. These interviews really have to be handled by constituents. I can sit in, but in order to impress the congressman, the ideas have to come from people in his district. Here the coordinator can be so helpful in knowing local situations and by knowing her Leagues. (This year, working through the coordinator, 7 different Leagues attended the interview in the 1st District. I'm sure Quie was impressed.)

Also the coordinator can be a big help to the State League in sending along local information about the congressman. We are now keeping track of Minnesota's congressmen's votes, bills introduced, statements of interest to League, etc. Our sources are the Congressional Record and the Twin Cities papers. I'm sure there is much local information that we never see. All of this background on the congressmen is of help not only to League members and local Leagues so that they can write more intelligent letters, but also to the National League office. They often contact our congressmen in the name of the League. National must rely upon us for their knowledge of the congressmen.

The other major function of the coordinator is getting her Leagues to write and to write promptly when they get a Time for Action call. You are right that this could be superfluous if all the Leagues would assume their responsibility. But

the truth is they don't. The idea of "action" is very hard to get across to individual members. They are very happy to come together and study issues. This they do well. But translating this knowledge and concern into useful activity is a big problem. And just as the individual member has trouble acting; so do many Leagues. This is especially true of the smaller League or Leagues that are not so sure they still agree with League position on ~~this~~ particular issue. Here the understanding and prodding of a coordinator can be of great help. (In the latter case, it is far better that we know Leagues no longer agree with League position. If this is widespread, the League will have to reexamine the position. But without a coordinator and a reporting system of sorts, no one will ever know when a League no longer supports a position.)

I'm afraid I have rather gone on. I hope I did ~~get~~ the idea across that we have found the coordinator a useful and a necessary position. I certainly respect any action Duluth might take on supplying a coordinator. We turned first to your League because you do have the largest woman power supply in the district.

Your trade program sounds excellent and you have done well in your co-sponsors. The program just arrived today from Mrs. Jennings. Thanks. We'll be very interested in hearing how it went. (Our attendance was 178. You should be able ~~make~~ to do better). Good luck.

Yours,



Mrs. Ralph D. Ebbott
409 Birchwood Ave.
WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINN. 55110

Mrs. Ined Bergstrom

Name & Address

1002 Wilson
Clognet, Minn

has the responsibility for
National Time for Action
for Clognet League

She (or a substitute) ☒ can
☐ cannot

met for lunch at the
Legislative Workshop
Oct. 8



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Mrs. Ralph D. Ebbott

409 Birchwood Ave.

WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINN. 55110

Mrs Ed. Crow Jr
~~Home Address~~
703 S 9th St
Virginia, Tenn

has the responsibility for
National Times for Action
for Virginia League

She (or a substitute)

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☐ cannot

meet for
lunch at the
Legislative
Workshop Oct. 8



Mrs. Ralph D. Ebbott
409 Birchwood Ave.
WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINN. 55110

Mrs. ROGER GEORGE, PRES.

Name & Address

Island View Route

Box 587

INT'L FALLS, MINN. 56649

has the responsibility for
National Time for Action
for International Falls
League.

She (or a substitute) ☐ can
☒ cannot

meet for lunch at the
Legislative Workshop
Oct. 8



Mrs. Ralph D. Ebbott
409 Birchwood Ave.
WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINN. 55110

Mrs. M. L. Smith has the responsibility for
Name & Address (Marion) National Times for Action
Box 65 for Hibbing League
St. Route 2
Hibbing

She (or a substitute) ☒ can
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next for lunch at the
Legislative Workshop
Oct. 8

409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
January 8, 1969

Mrs. Richard Nelson
2730 Branch
Duluth, Minnesota 55812

Dear Dorothy,

We received the very unsettling news that Marion Smith, of Hibbing, has had a stroke and is now hospitalized. She has, of course, dropped her League activities.

Which brings me to two requests. (Each can be answered separately). The first one is, would you be willing to contact Blatnik and set up a League interview with him as soon as it is convenient for him. As I recall, he has an office in Duluth, so that perhaps a phone call is all that is needed. Mrs. Janski has sent Blatnik a letter telling him that he will be contacted. Mr. Blatnik has replied that he will be looking forward to hearing from Mrs. Smith. It has been several years since the League has had an interview with him.

If you will set up a meeting time and let me know, I will be happy to contact the other Leagues in the district and do my best to attend the interview. It would be well to try to get several interested Duluth Leaguers to also attend. As for the interview, it is best if you from his district do most of the question asking. I will follow up with getting the interview summary reproduced, sending it to national, and sending it back to the Leagues in the district.

The second request is would you or some one in the Duluth League be willing to take the job of Congressional Action Coordinator? (A carbon of this letter is going to Liz Gomer. Between the two of you, maybe you can come up with someone). The job isn't very difficult and I'll be happy to do all I can to get things set up.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I am

Yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott

8 - Blatnik.

- ⑥ Silver Bay x
- ⑦ Virginia x
- ④ Hibbing.
- ③ Duluth. x
- ② Cloquet x
- ⑤ ~~Int. Falls x~~
- ① ~~Chisholm x~~

Mrs. M. I. Smith

Marion.

Box 65 Star Route 2

Hibbing 55746

Mrs. Durant Barclay, Jr.

1222 Braimard Ave. (Rilla)

Duluth, Minn. 55811

VIP SURVEY

TRAINING SESSION FOR BLOCKWORKERS

(To be conducted by the Precinct Chairman and Chairwoman)

YOUR GOAL

Full Blockworker attendance is your goal! The purpose of the Training Session goes far beyond the distribution of Blockworker's Kits. Experience shows that Blockworkers who have been inspired, motivated and instructed at a Training Session do a better Survey . . . do it with pride and confidence . . . and have fun working for The Republican Cause.

You will have both experienced and new Blockworkers. Each adds strength to the program. The experienced Blockworkers can help you with the meeting and give confidence to the new Blockworkers by sharing their past experiences.

TO GET A GOOD TURN-OUT

To assure maximum attendance, be sure to notify all Blockworkers at least one week in advance. Stress the importance of each Blockworker being present. A follow-up call the day before the meeting will assure a good turn-out. Remember that if the Blockworker is not present, it will be necessary for you to make a personal call to deliver the Kit . . . to instruct and motivate.

ARE YOU READY?

Here's a handy check list:

- ☐ All Blockworkers recruited and invited to session.
- ☐ Full supply of Blockworker's Kits (white) — one for every block. Blanks on back of Kit filled in for each worker.
- ☐ VIP Flip Chart and record. The Meeting Leader's Guide is enclosed in the record pocket.*
- ☐ 33 1/3 L.P. record player.
- ☐ Precinct map with Blocks numbered to show group.

*The flip chart has been revised!

The new record is ten minutes shorter!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

1. All Blockworkers.
2. All Area Captains (in Precincts needing them.)
3. County VIP Chairman, Rural or Urban Chairman, Ward or Commissioner District Chairman, or other county leaders can be invited to assist you at the Training Session.

SUGGESTED AGENDA for TRAINING BLOCKWORKERS

For a large group, it's a good idea to issue name tags as workers arrive.

- 1. INTRODUCTION** Precinct Chairman or Chairwoman opens the meeting. Gives brief greeting. Explains purpose of meeting. Asks everyone present to introduce self.
- 2. CHALLENGE** Point out what is at stake . . . show that a successful VIP Survey is essential to victory . . . challenge with county and Precinct voting figures. (The County VIP Chairman or some other county leader may be invited to do this and any other part of the Agenda you choose to delegate.)
- 3. THE JOB TO BE ACCOMPLISHED** The VIP Survey. What has been accomplished in the past. What we must accomplish this year.
- 4. HOW TO GET THE JOB DONE** First, present VIP Flip Chart using Meeting Leader's Guide. By following the Guide, you will:
 - Hand out Blockworker's Kits with blanks on back cover completely filled in for each worker.
 - Instruct Blockworkers on use of kit and how to do the Survey. If the Blocks have been surveyed before, explain why and how to resurvey. (See back of "Responsibilities of Precinct Chairmen" sheet.)
 - Challenge Blockworkers with precinct voting figures.
 - Act out the Survey calls. Everyone finds this a lot of fun. Ask Blockworkers to act out the parts.
 - Announce Survey Timetable. Emphasize when and where to turn in Survey Sheets.
- 5. QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION** Make sure each Blockworker understands exactly what is expected and when.
- 6. CLOSING CHALLENGE** Recap purpose of VIP Survey and its importance in paving the way for victory.
- 7. REFRESHMENTS** Here's an opportunity for VIP Blockworkers to visit and exchange ideas.

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

Mrs. M. I. Smith
Box 65, Star Route 2
Hibbing, Minnesota 55746

Dear Marion,

We were very pleased to hear that you'll keep on with the 8th District Coordinator's job. At this time we are making contact with the 7 Leagues in the 8th:

Brainerd is in the 6th, I believe.

Chisholm - Mrs. Eugene Eininger
217 9¹/₂ Street NE
Chisholm, Minn. 55719

Phone

254-4094

Pasceno
DC. Mrs. James Pasano
710 S. Central
Chisholm
254-4122

Cloquet - Mrs. Ralph Nelson
1314 Summit
Cloquet, Minn. 55720

Mrs. William Bohren
306 22nd
Cloquet, Minn. 55720

879-9790

Mrs. Fred Bergstrom
1002 Wilson
Cloquet, Minn.

Duluth - Mrs. Orval Hage
1601 North 51st Ave. E.
Duluth, Minn. 55804

525-5132

Mrs. Frank Pascuzzi
2109 E. 11 Ave
Hibbing
262-1794

Hibbing - Mrs. James Clark
145 Highland Drive
Hibbing, Minn. 55746

263-7692

Mrs. M. I. Smith
Box 65, Star Route 2
Hibbing

International Falls - Mrs. Roger Geddes
Riverview Park Island View Route
Box 587
International Falls, Minn. 56649

286-2252

Silver Bay - Mrs. Dale Johnson James D. Gray
52 Edison 98 Hays Circle
Silver Bay, Minn. 55614

226-3457 3643

Virginia - Mrs. F. J. Rosemeier
529 11th Street South
Virginia, Minn. 55792

Mrs. Ed. Cron Jr.
703 S. 9th St.
Virginia, Minn.

741-5989

Mrs. F. J. Steinbauer
1021 15th St. N.
Virginia, Minn. 55792

Unless you hear differently from them, your contacts will be these presidents. A copy of the letter is enclosed. We are also sending these women a procedure sheet, some Time for Action response cards, and brief fact sheets about Minnesota's two Senators. All except the cards are enclosed. You should be getting them from your Leagues as they respond to Times for Action.

Don't
Mrs. Richard Nelson - Chin, U.N. - Foreign Policy -
Sr. Rosamund Winkelman - DHR
Mrs. James Alexander - all others - Water -

2730 Branch
Duluth 55812

September 5, 1967

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

The job of summarizing League activity from time to time and letting everyone know will depend on how much the Leagues do and how good they are about letting you know. The third part of your job, to help them share information about Representative Blatnik and the Senators, should be a natural for you. Perhaps for a starter you could work up a bit of biographical material, what you know about his work in the field of water, his interest in the Asian Development Bank, maybe some highlights of his testimonial dinner, etc. If typing is any problem, send it along to the state office. We'll be happy to get it done and out. (The State will reimburse you for expenses for postage, etc. Some expense voucher sheets are enclosed.)

Apparently Blatnik has not met with the League on an official interview basis. Don't worry about that anymore. He may not have much time to spend in Minnesota, but if an informal meeting (or lunch) could be arranged with your Leagues' contact people, I'm sure it would make their jobs much more meaningful.

We'd love to hear about your trip to Washington and the Blatnik dinner. Do send on anything pertinent to League about our men in Washington. Many thanks for taking this all on and doing such an excellent job.

Yours,

Enclosures

JOHN A. BLATNIK
8TH DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

ROOM 2449
RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BLDG.

COMMITTEES:
PUBLIC WORKS
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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

December 3, 1968

Mrs. O. J. Janski, President
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
555 Wabasha
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Mrs. Janski:

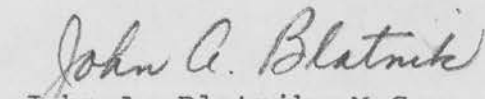
I am most certainly aware of the achievements which the League of Women Voters have accomplished in their endeavors to acquaint the communities on current issues.

I want to thank you and every member of the League for the magnificent effort which contributed to this general campaign.

My telephone number at the office is 225-6211, 6212 or 6213. I should be most pleased if Mrs. M. I. Smith, your Congressional Action Coordinator would call upon me as soon as she arrives. I would be most pleased to have an opportunity to talk to her.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,


John A. Blatnik, M.C.

JAB:dj

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

CONGRESSMAN JOHN A. BLATNIK - Democratic-Farmer-Labor - Eighth District

Committees: Public Works
Government Operations

Congressional Action - 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)
X To put a ceiling on expenditures (passed 275-126)
2. Conference Report, Supplemental Appropriation Bill:
0 Cutting Head Start from \$25 million to \$5 million (passed 265-106)
- X 3. Housing Funds
- X 4. Conference Report, Funds for Housing and Urban Development
5. Preventing discrimination in housing - Civil Rights Act - 1968
X To prevent the House version from going to conference with the Senate
(passed 229-195)
X To accept the Senate version (passed 250-171)
- NV 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).
(Was floor manager for the bill.)
2. Co-author and chief sponsor of the bill creating the Voyageurs National Park.
- X 3. Scenic Rivers Bill

Foreign Aid and Development:

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

Foreign Aid - continued:

2. Foreign Aid Authorization:

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

3. Foreign Aid Appropriations (173-139)

- X Conference Report

Other Issues of Interest:

Farm legislation

- O To put a \$20,000 ceiling on payments (passed)
- X Vote on the bill
- X 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)
- X Passage of the bill
- Prohibiting strikers and students from participating (defeated 187-158)
- Passage of conference report
- (Certified for food stamps - awaiting funds: Cook County)

X Tax Increase

TV Debate Among Major Candidates

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

NV Gun Control Legislation - conference report

Bills Introduced and Other Special Activities:

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

Spoke for new Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs

Authored:

- Bill to control vessel pollution within U.S. navigable waters
- Bill to overhaul vocational education
- Bill for grants to assist in improving operation of waste treatment plants
- Bill to establish Commission on Hunger
- Bill on dumping waste material in navigable waters
- Bill concerning coordination among levels of government



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Mrs. Ralph D. Ebbott
409 Birchwood Ave.
WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINN. 55110

In Duluth the item Chairman has
responsib. ~~for the responsibility for National~~
Name & Address ~~Times for Action for Duluth League.~~

Mrs. Richard Nelson, China, U.N. - etc. Foreign Policy
Sr. Rosemund Winkelman - D.H.R. -
Mrs. James Alexander - all others

She (or a substitute) ☐ can meet for lunch at the
☐ cannot Legislative Workshops
October 8

Mrs. Nelson & Sr. Rosemund can be present
at lunch - Mrs. Alexander will be at
the a.m. session. M. Hope

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

555 Wabasha, St. Paul

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

Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing, Minn. 55746
Sept. 7, 1968

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

Dear Liz:

We have received much material for background reading this summer, but the only Time for Action received since I wrote to you were:
May 28- Support for funding for treatment facility construction grant program -to Congressmen listed on back of sheet.
May 31-Equal Employment Opportunity Commission- senate only Appropriations for Employment and Ed. Program.
I received no notice of any action on the parts of Leagues and did not write to them.

Am sending you a copy of the letter written to John Blatnik a few days ago. All Leagues in the 8th Congressional District should write to him, however some take the stand, they know he's for it, so why write?

Wondered if you are planning to continue the organization of coordinators in congressional districts. No doubt the Times for Action in local Leagues person is unnamed as yet. I will do this for the Hibbing League as Mrs. Frank Pascuzzi is busy with a new addition to the family. The Chisholm League has disbanded.

As you see I am continuing to try to secure an interview with John Blatnik, When he flies home to Minnesota, he is so tied up with commitments, he has little inbetween time.

You have done an excellent job on the state level trying to get Minnesota to respond to League congressional needs. There are many reasons why the local doesn't respond - the Times for Action letter gets tied up in the president's mail-either she is sick or out of town or too busy to read all the mail. Or she expects to see the person, who is to write- but this doesn't happen- or the telephone is busy when president calls or that person is sick or out of town or very busy. Or the League members are apposed to what they call the "give away" policies of the administration and so will not support certain Human Resources legislation even though the League has a position.

If I secure an interview, shall I call you if no time for a letter? What is your telephone number? I still have hopes.

Yours sincerely,

Marion

Mrs. M.I. Smith 8th District Times for Action Coordinator



TELEPHONE 373-2959

Copy to National

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League of Women Voters of Hibbing

HIBBING, MINNESOTA

Box 63 Star Route 2, Hibbing, Minn. 55746
September 5, 1968

The Honorable John A. Blatnik
Congressman 8th District of Minnesota
House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear John:

Am writing to you as a member of the House Committee on Public Works. As you know the League of Women Voters have been supporting federal funding to stimulate and assist construction of public sewage treatment plants and interceptor sewers.

Since the problem is so great, the new factor of adding to the grant program-contracts under which the federal share of construction costs will be paid in installment over a long term- seems to be valuable in accomplishing what we want.

See this has been passed by the Senate and is now being considered by your committee. We are sure you will act favorably to this plan.

I know when you come home to our part of the world, you are very busy at many functions. When you can see the way clear to an hour for the League of Women Voters Interview, please let me know. My calendar is also busy but given a few choices I would try my best to accomplish this.

Your slogan "Blatnik Builds" is a catchy one.

Yours sincerely,

Marion Smith

Mrs. M.I. Smith

Hibbing League of Women Voters
Time for Action Chairman

hey. Did I send you a copy?

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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

Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing, Minn. 55746
May 31, 1968

The Honorable John A. Blatnik
Congressman 8th District of Minnesota
House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear John:

Understand you are going to be here for the 75th Hibbing Ball. Am hoping very much you will have time to give me an interview on the League of Women Voters national positions. We are concerned about:

- Development of Human Resources
- Foreign Policy
- Water Resources
- Home Rule for Washington.

We know how you have voted and the fine work you have done in these areas but there is no interview on file at the state office or the national office. I'm afraid they will begin to think you are seldom home or I haven't tried. This shouldn't take too long but I would like enough time to ask a few leaguers of Hibbing and Chisholm to the interview.

If you have time (and please try to arrange it), where should we meet? The library in Hibbing? Chisholm? Or if you have enough time to drive here, we are ten miles from Chisholm. All the wild flowers of the region are in bloom four kinds of trillium, six different violets and many others.

You could bring your family if they are with you and Irl could show them around while we talked. Veda Ponikvar has never been here and has expressed a desire to see our place.

Our telephone number is 254 3293.

Greeting from Irl.

Yours very truly,

Marion Smith

Mrs. M.I. Smith
8th District League of Women Voters
Coordinator



M TO: Marion
E FROM: Liz
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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

DATE

Enclosed: An Outlook for coming Congressional action.
Congressional Record references to Blatnick.
Copy of a letter I sent to Silver Bay.

I hope you are continuing to try to set up an interview meeting with Blatnick. Maybe you could ask Duluth to try at his office there (if he has one?). Let me know when you are successful. I'd like to try to attend.

LWV-National said that all Times for Action west of the Mississippi go Air Mail. I don't think they are such good mag readers that they know you are East (I'm East & mine come Air Mail). But if they aren't air mail, let me know & I'll try again.

The office is sending out more cards to your Leagues. They've done so well, their supplies must be about gone -

409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minnesota
March 20, 1968

Mrs. Bale Johnson
52 Edison
Silver Bay, Minnesota 55614

Dear Mrs. Johnson;

The 1968 Congressional year is underway. The League hopes to show improvement this year in our responses to our Congressmen on League issues. To do this, we need the full understanding and cooperation of all our Leagues, and, we hope, many of our members.

We feel that letter writing is a major tool of action. The important thing is to get letters written to Representative Blatnik and the Senators when this action is needed. Since we don't want the problem of making and sending carbons of these letters stand in your way of effective action, we have set up the coordinator procedure. All your League needs to do is to drop a card to Mrs. M.I. Smith, Box 65, Star Route 2, Hibbing, Minnesota 55746, within 5 days telling her what you have done in response to a Time for Action.

According to Mrs. Smith, your League has not been too effective in this area this past year. We would hope this could improve. Many League presidents have their program person concerned write the official League letter. Since we stress immediacy, it is well to set up these mechanics now before there are many calls for action.

If there are any questions about what we are trying to do or about the necessity for this effort, please let me know. I will be very happy to go into it further with you.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action
Coordinator.

Blatnik: 11/16 - To cut 460m from EOA - P(221-190) - ^{Vote against at} ~~Defeated~~ ¹³⁵⁻¹⁷⁷ - Against

Foreign aid appropriations (Passed 167-143) - For

11/21 - To register Communist organizations (Passed 269-109) - Against

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

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

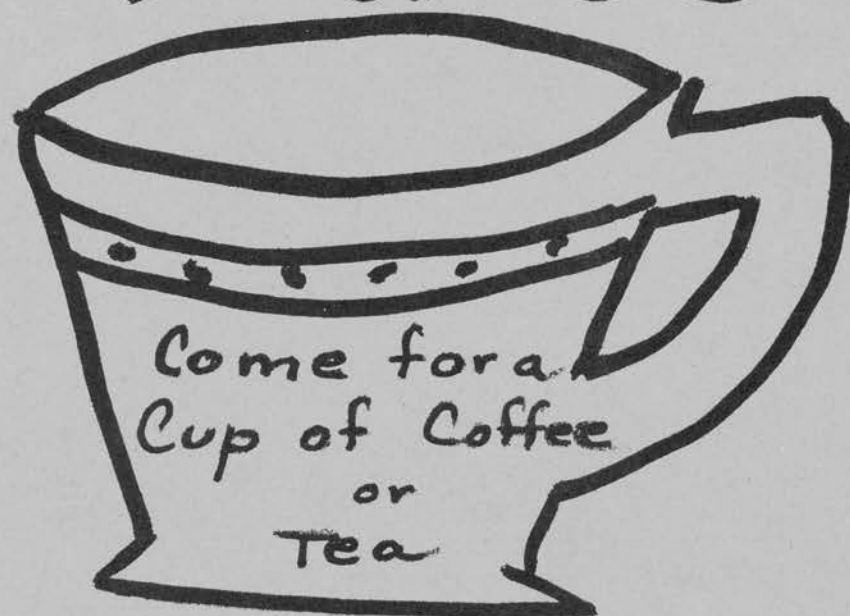
Recommit conference report - appropriations. Foreign assist (passed 196-185) - Against

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

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

12/17 - Wins \$2,000 - Bernard M. Baruch Prize for conservation.
for Water Pollution Control Act.

Birchwood Ladies



Hear a member of the White Bear Lake School Staff explain the need for a bond issue.

Tea Wed. Nov. 15 1:30 p.m.
221 Wildwood Ave. Wm Butler home
or

Coffee Fri. Nov. 17 10:00 a.m.
409 Birchwood Ave. Ralph Ebbott home

Please Come

RSVP 426-3643 Liz Ebbott
426-3856 Ellie Butler

Blatnik -

7/26 Elected Bd of Ed - DC - For

8/6 - Chmn of Govt. Operations sub committee -
approved a proposal to give DC Mayor-council form of govt.

4/27 Congressional District size 30% variation with 1972 then 10%
Passed 289-63 For

5/24 Amended to EI - 2 Ed Act, Title III to be allotted by state dept of ed
Accepted 230-185 Against

7/20 - Rent control - Rejected 176-207 For

8/24 - Order Am Onley Bank - increased authorization Passed 275-122

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

11/29 - HUDs - For Rent supplement - Against recommitting to committee
Not Voting model city.

For conference report, Against recommitting

Against recommitting congressional redistricting

Against conference report on " "

11/4 - Voted to take up poverty bill

11/1 - ~~Voted~~ D. dist vote on higher rates for cotton.

As chmn of the River & Harbor Sub. Committee - got
approved new Port Lock at Saint Ste Marie -

"Steelworkers delegates have consistently adopted a policy
of no ore quotas of liberal trade policies between
nations during past 15 years." -
known Oct. 20 - Blatnik called for US quotas on

imports on foreign ore. testimony at a Senate Finance
Committee -

key statement - send the help now that taconite is in
starting up place - to get a foothold during this transition period
until we can get on our feet & get our taconite plants
fully operational."

the record of the World Bank is one of the most respected
of any international agency, working with, through & outside the UN
to help the underdeveloped nations of the world."

11/12 - ~~For considering~~ For Foreign Assistance Act of 1967

4.

OUR SCHOOL NURSE:

Mrs. JoAnn Williams will be in school according to the following schedule:

Monday A.M.	8:00 - 12:45
Tuesday P.M.	1:00 - 4:00
Wednesday A. M.	8:00 - 12:45
Friday P.M.	1:00 - 4:00

USING THE TELEPHONE:

Children are not permitted to use the telephone unless the call is very important. They are not to call home to ask if they can go over to a friends home or get off the bus at a different location. They should plan ahead for these kinds of requests.

ENTRY TIMES:

Children are not permitted to enter school before 8:55 A. M. If the weather is bad or if the child has a reasonable written request he may enter the school.

SCHOOL VISITATION:

You are most welcome to visit your school. We prefer that you arrange your visit with the office just in case a teacher is testing or out on a field trip.

YOUR CHILD:

We hope your child profits from the instruction he receives at Willow Lane School. To insure maximum success, we feel that children should be thoughtful and honest, prompt and regular in attendance, diligent in study, and kind and obliging to teachers and their classmates.

If you have any questions regarding your child or the school program, feel free to call me at 429-5391, extension 76 or 77.

Most sincerely,

V. H. Storberg

V. H. Storberg, Principal
Willow Lane School

1967

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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

Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing, 55746
February 19, 1968

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

Dear Liz:

In regard to Times for Action, have had reasonably good cooperation with the five Leagues: Chisholm, Cloquet, Duluth, Hibbing and International Falls. Have had not a word from Silver Bay-talked with the five members at the Virginia Workshop and they said the President worked and didn't worry much about the League work.

I wrote to all of them Oct. 2, 1967	Phoned Hibbing and
three " 26	Chisholm,
four Nov. 13	usually.
three " 26	

Many did something only after I wrote follow-up letter.

Date of Time for Action Action

Oct. 10 D.C. Home Rule	Card: Cloquet, Duluth, Hibbing. Letter saying letter was sent-Int. Falls Chisholm said sent letter. Virginia.
Oct. 27 EO Amend.	Card: Chisholm, Cloquet, Duluth, Letter saying letter was sent: Virginia. " " no action-Int. Falls. Hibbing didn't get T for A from Pres.
Nov. 15 Foreign Aid	Card: Chisholm, Duluth, Hibbing, Virginia. Letter from Cloquet saying T for A not received from Pres. Copy of letter sent- Int. Falls.
Dec. 9 OEO	Card from Cloquet and Hibbing. (I did not follow-up with a letter this time as so close to Christmas and bill had gone through so do not know what the rest of the Leagues did).

I wrote each time and received prompt responses. Am sending you one of them as got two just the same. Someone saw double.

There is some discussion where the national budget can be balanced, particularly to avoid inflation.

Yours,

Mrs. M. I. Smith
8th District Coordinator
Congressional



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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND CURRENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

December 14, 1967

Mrs. M. I. Smith
8th Congressional District
League of Women Voters
555 Wabasha
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Thank you so much for your recent message. I appreciate your courtesy in writing.

I have, as you know, strongly supported the war on poverty efforts. The results in Minnesota prove, I believe, that this program can help eliminate the feelings of frustration and despair that too often exist in the minds of the poor. I believe the various community action programs, the foster grandparent concept, Head Start, and the Pilot Center Program all offer great promise of success in our efforts to alleviate poverty.

The Congress has now completed action on legislation authorizing continuation of these vital programs at a slightly increased level. You may be sure that I will support the highest level of funding possible in order to assure full implementation of these efforts.

With best wishes for a happy holiday season,

Sincerely,

Walter F. Mondale

Walter F. Mondale

Got two letters - same day - same letter

Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing, Minn. 55746
January 1, 1968

Honorable John A. Blatnik
Room 2448 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear John:

Happy New Year. Thanks for all your work in this session. See by the newspapers you are back home for important events. Hope you will be back sometime before the next Congressional action, so we can arrange an interview with the League of Women Voters. Representatives of the Leagues in your District would be invited to this interview, although distance would preclude some from participating.

The League is interested nationally in:
The Development of Human Resources- Poverty Legislation-
Economic opportunity- Educational opportunity

Foreign Policy- U.N. Foreign Aid

Water Resources- Clean Water How to Implement Program

Washington, D.C. Home Rule

If necessary, we will go to your office in Duluth. Of course, I would be most happy if we could arrange a meeting in Chisholm or Hibbing, any time during the day- for lunch if you have the time. If this cannot happen in January, we look forward to the earliest date in the Spring or Summer.

Yours sincerely,

Marian Smith

Mrs. M.I. Smith
8th Congressional District League Coordinator

Copy to Mrs. O.J. Janski, President Minnesota LWV
Mrs. Ralph Ebbott, Congressional Action Chairman Min. LWV

*The last call for action
got here too late for any action -
Letter should have been airmailed -
took 3 days to reach me.*

To:

Marion

From:

Liz Ebbott

SUBJECT

DATE

DEPARTMENT

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MESSAGE

Enclosed are: ① 7 Supplementary information sheets for your League (these will help in backgrounding if you can set-up an interview)

② A supplementary sheet for you.

③ Summary of Congressional action - for you.

Off the record: We had our interview with Senator Mondale. He is very concerned with Lake Superior pollution problems and suggests the League can help by urging action. I gather the procedure is to call a conference which gets everybody together to set & enforce standards. The Governors should call for the conference. Since they aren't acting, Mondale can get Udall to call one - & will.

SIGNED

REPLY

DATE OF REPLY

REPLY TO

Mondale feels Blatnik needs to be pressured into it - but for heaven's sake don't quote this. (The League's water chairman - at the state level may contact you people concerned with some suggested action, but I thought you might like to know what's coming off.) Mondale also said that the Area Development man - Mr. Francis will soon be replaced by Mr. Jordal. He feels

DEPARTMENT

SIGNED

this will be a big improvement.

DETACH AND FILE FOR FOLLOW-UP

Blatnik Wins Conservation Prize of \$2,000

12/17/67

GEORGETOWN, S.C. —
(P) — The first Bernard M. Baruch Prizes of \$2,000 each for outstanding contributions in the field of conservation were awarded Saturday to Rep. John A. Blatnik, D-Minn., and Rep. John P. Saylor, R-Pa.



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December 7, 1967

Mrs. M. I. Smith
Star Rte. 2, Box 65
Hibbing, Minnesota

Dear Marion,

Now that the first of the year is approaching, it is time for the annual interviews with members of Congress.

As coordinator for the eighth district, it will be your responsibility to arrange an interview with Congressman Blatnik. The enclosed sheets from national give all the information I think you will need to arrange a pleasant and productive interview. The holiday season quite often provides an opportunity for these interviews so I would suggest you contact Mr. Blatnik soon.

Thank you for helping us in this important task, and please remember to send a copy of the interview report to the state office as well as to the national office.

Sincerely,

Mrs. O. J. Janski
President

Letter sent - 12/18
cc: Mrs. Nelson
Mrs. Smith

306-22nd Street
Cloquet, Minn.
Dec. 1, 1967

Mrs. M.I. Smith
Box 65, Star Route 2
Hibbing, Minn. 55746

Dear Mrs. Smith:

There is somewhat of a problem in our League. Time For Action communications are not mailed directly to me. Our president Mrs. Ralph K Nelson receives the only one that is sent to Cloquet.

Now, she is a very busy lady, and by the time she gets these communications to me and I get the letters written, your follow up letter is usually here. I am sorry about this, and if I could receive a Time For Action I think I could get the letters out sooner.

I have written two letters on Foreign Aid. One to Senator Mondale and one to Senator McCarthy.

There is only two cards left for me to inform you of what action our League has taken. Do you have more of these card? I do find them helpful in discharging my duties.

Sincerely

Betty Bohren

(Mrs. William Bohren)

*I'm afraid this happens too often -
In Hibbing I call Mrs Frank Pascuzzo
when I get the notice - she hasn't
received a Time for Action since
the 1st. No doubt will get 3 about
board meeting Dec 12th What can
we do? I write 3 days after I receive T-for A.*



Season's Greetings

Dec. 21, 1967


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

Dear Liz;


Thank you for your kind letter about my problem. I shall try to convince our league to subscribe to Time For Action, for me. However, I know that our funds are not too plentiful, so perhaps this will be considered an unnecessary expense.

Thank you, for taking time to write to me. The office has sent me cards now. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Sincerely



Mrs. William Bohren
Action Chairman, Cloquet L.W.V.



Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing 55746
November 26, 1967

Dear Leagers:

The response of the 8th District- Congressional- to the TIME FOR ACTION on foreign aid is the best so far- we have word from five. Your League report is missing. There is a space on the card for you to tell why you took no action if that is what you did.

We now have word from all Leagues but one, in regard to OEO- no action by two.

All but two informed us they sent letters in regard to Washington, D.C. representation in Congress.

Yours,

Marion Smith
Mrs. M.I. Smith
8th Congressional District
LWV Coordinator

P.S. To Silver Bay- Your League is the only one, from which I have had no response, let's hear from you. You do get the TIME FOR ACTION from the National office?

for closure
Thanks for your other reports, try to have them in within a week after receiving TIME FOR ACTION- save me writing.

*Virginia - talked to Miss Rosemeier today when we were in Virginia in regard to V National Park. She will send card -
Christal will " " (call)*

November 15, 1967

Mrs. M.I. Smith
Box 65, Star Route 2
Hibbing, Minn. 55746

Dear Marion;

I'm sorry that Silver Bay and Virginia haven't replied. I don't see how they could resist. You are doing such a good job with the proding. It would perhaps be a big help if the contact person in these Leagues (and the rest of the Leagues too, for that matter) could get to meet you and could get to know Blatnik better. My personal guess is that we are about through with Times for Action for this Congressional session. We will still be interested in the appropriations for foreign aid, OEO, etc., but Congress is eager to go home so it could finish fast. Senator McCarthy has talked of adjournment around Thanksgiving. Maybe that long talked of meeting with Blatnik could come off after the recess. There will also be the chance to get together when we have the big meeting in Virginia, January 23rd. Maybe the reluctant Leagues can be convinced then.

The Perpichs'-Blatnik exchanges have been very interesting. Trade quotas, protectionist legislation are going to be a real threat to League positions. Probably next session will have much activity in these areas. It's good to know that Blatnik is for liberal trade, but it's rather discouraging that political pressure is making him advocate "temporary" steel import quotas. The League could let him know that we feel the US is better off resisting protectionism. Since we export more than we import, once we start putting up barriers on imports other nations will do likewise. We stand to lose much more than we might gain.

The clippings have also impressed me about Range politics. You people do make issues lively up in your area. Have enjoyed hearing from you ---

Sincerely ,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott

Box 65 Star Route 2 Hibbing, Minn
Nov. 2, 1967

Mrs. Orval Hage
President Duluth LWV
1601 N 51 Ave. E.
Duluth, Minn. 55804

Dear Mrs. Hage:

Wrote to you on Oct. 26th about the Time for Action on Washington, D.C. representation in Congress, but have received no reply.

Now we have another Time for Action on OEO House amendments. Please send a copy of letter or the card to inform me of your action.

Three of the Leagues in our District have designated a member for this job as the president has so very much to do - if Duluth is doing this let me know name and address of action chairman.

We had a good meeting in Duluth Oct. 10th. The state folks brought me an envelope of paper and envelopes for my letters and I left it. Wrote to state first, they had not picked up package- then wrote to Hilltop then called them when in Duluth a day ago- no package. Wondered if some Duluth "cleaner uper" took it for safe keeping- do you know anything about this?

Mrs. John W. Pooley, Duluth had this job for about a year before I tried to carry on from Sept. 1966. Success is only obtained by cooperation of all seven of us in the 8th Congressional District.

Yours sincerely,

Marcia Smith
Mrs. M.I. Smith

M TO: Marion

E FROM: Liz Ebbott

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O SUBJECT Congressional District
Coordinator

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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

DATE October 6

Received your letters today - excellent work!

1. Someone may bring some stationery for you to Duluth; otherwise it will be mailed.
2. On sending carbons to national and state - if possible it is a good idea. But it is far more important that the letters get sent to the Congressmen in the first place.
3. I have had a letter from the president at Cloquet. They now have an action chairman, Mrs. William Bohren, 306 22nd, Cloquet, Minn. 55720. She will be your contact person.
4. I'm enclosing what I know about Representative Blatnik. Perhaps you can find out the blanks - addresses, current committees, current legislation he's interested in, etc - and we can distribute it to your Leagues. I would also like the information for my own records and to update the other members of the state board.

Sorry I won't be attending in Duluth. I hope it won't be too long until we can meet again. Many thanks for the job you're doing.

Congressman John A. Blatnik - Democratic-Farmer-Labor
8th Congressional District
Washington Address: Home Address:

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

Born in Chisholm, Minnesota, August 17, 1911. Graduate Chisholm public schools. Taught one-room school. Graduated from Winona State Teachers College as top honor student, 1935, B.E. degree. Attended University of Chicago, summer 1938; one year graduate work in public administration, U of Minnesota, 1941-2. Two years in CCC camps. Taught chemistry two years Chisholm High School; 2½ years administrative assistant to St. Louis County Superintendent of Schools, Minnesota. Elected to Minnesota State Senate in 1940, youngest member of Senate; re-elected in 1942; elected to Congress 1946. Re-elected 1948, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, and 1966. World War II veteran, 3½ years Air Corps Intelligence and OSS; ~~in~~ 18 months overseas; awarded Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and Air Medal; discharged 1946 as paratrooper captain. Married to Gisela Hager in 1955; son, Thomas H., and daughters, Stephanie and Valerie.

Current Committees:

? - Chairman of Government Operations subcommittee

Current legislative action: (areas of special interest, legislation introduced, etc.)

On roll call votes on key issues in 1966:

Voted against deleting rent supplements from the supplemental appropriations bill
Voted for minimum wage increase and extension of coverage
Position not known on Food for Freedom Act
Voted against one year authorization for foreign economic aid instead of two
Paired against ~~xxxxx~~ deleting "open housing" in the Civil Rights bill
Voted against striking the enacting clause of the Economic Opportunity bill
Voted for the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act

On roll call votes on key issues in 1967:

Voted for increased aid to Latin America
Voted to allow a 30% population variation in congressional district sizes until 1972 with a maximum variation of 10% following.
Voted against allotting funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title III to the state departments of education to be distributed by them rather than by the federal government.
Voted to establish the National Water Commission
Voted for increased funds for the Inter-American Development Bank
Voted in support of ~~xxxxx~~ the reorganization of city government for the District of Columbia.
Voted for an elected Board of Education for D.C.

Irene - Return to Liz Ebbott

League of Women Voters of Hibbing

HIBBING, MINNESOTA 55746

Box 65 *R2 Hibbing
Aug 19, 1967

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

Dear Mrs Ebbott:

should have answered before.
Annette Whiting wrote asking me
to continue May 9 - Guess I
worked with "silence" is consent
as I would have written immediately
if I couldn't do this. As you
know I think highly of league
work and will try to do this
work on action - nationally
I know our district⁸ representative
and ^{our} senator so writing to them
is a pleasure.

There should be an action
session at our spring get together.
Good questions and procedures
sent to presidents.

Could there be a letter from you to the
Pres. of Brainerd, Chisholm, Cloquet, Duluth, Est. Falls,
Silver Bay, Virginia informing them of my work -
asking them to send me a copy of each letter sent
in response to "Time for action" wonder if a meeting
is necessary - think it can be covered by correspondence.

If the president wants some one else
to do this work if she comes please
send me her name - ^{address} some ask
the vice president to do this.

Have become well acquainted
with our state men from League
work and also as State Director
for National Retired Teachers Association.

The Federated Women's Clubs
are also interested in legislation.
I will be Hobbing Women's Club
President next year.

Am attending the 25th years
of ^{public} service of John A. Blatnik - Sept 16th
Heard him at dedication of
Water Quality Laboratory in
Auburn a week ago.

Hope I can do this
adequately.

Yours

Marion Smith

would
appreciate list of new
presidents of 8th Dist.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455

Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing 55746
October 3, 1967

Dear Presidents of LWV in 8th Congressional Dist.:

Am writing to all of you at the same time, so pardon the carbons. On Sept. 5, Mrs. Liz Abbott sent you a letter about **TIMES FOR ACTION** on national issues. Since I have received no response card or carbon in the past month, am sure you haven't written to our Congressmen recently.

When you receive a **TIMES FOR ACTION** please respond as soon as possible and send me a carbon or card. This is the only way for the League to accomplish its national action program.

I have asked our Congressmen to place you on their newsletter lists. If you have any suggestions on how to get this work done more efficiently, please let me know. It might be a good idea to reread Liz Abbott's letter, as she tried to anticipate any questions.

If we all work together, our seven Leagues in the 8th Congressional District can do our part in the national program. Hope to see you at the October 10 meeting in Duluth.

Sincerely,

Marion Smith
Mrs. M.I. Smith

Recent **TIMES FOR ACTION**:

July 3 Elementary and Secondary Ed. Amend. 1967 S118 H7313. League support for increased education opportunity for disadvantaged.

Aug. 7 Foreign Economic Aid. League supports long range programs for economic aid to undeveloped countries, president discretionary authority.

Aug. 31 Dev. Human Resources. League supports the passage of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee's bill. This includes appropriations for Titles I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII and the Emergency Employment Act.

Box 65 * R2 Hibbing 55746
Oct 3, 1967

Dear Liz,

Your letter was a masterpiece. If this doesn't bring results nothing can.

Sending this note to the presidents of the seven Leagues.

If I do not get something from a League I will do what you have asked, after a week.

A year ago I saw the presidents in Cloquet except for Chisholm (I called) Silver Bay (I wrote). I was not satisfied with what was done.

The carbons for national state, and local file seem to be a barrier. Glad we have response cards for coordinators.

Yours

Marion

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55485
TELEPHONE 373-2959

P. J - Do need envelopes and paper.
Those thin yellow sheets might
be good for cartons.

Carton too weak, paper too thick

do I also send a copy of this to state and national?
or just to national?
or "to you?"

League of Women Voters of Hibbing

HIBBING, MINNESOTA

Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing 55746
October 3, 1967

The Honorable John A. Blatnik
House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear John:

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The last Capitol Chats I have is dated Oct. 1966.

We must not forget the League hasn't had an interview with you in Minnesota. Anytime you will be in Chisholm, please let me know in time for a state board member to make the trip to northern Minnesota to visit with you on legislation of interest to the League.

When in Washington the day the House worked on foreign aid until 3:30 am, I looked on about 4:30 pm, also had a pleasant visit with your office staff.

Enjoyed greeting you on the train from Duluth to Chisholm after your big 25th. The dinner was good, the talks and manner of presentation excellent, the booklet is beautiful. This was also an event for M.I. and myself-the latest we have come home from any celebration.

Saw you at a distance at the opening of the Water Quality Laboratory in Duluth- it was a beautiful day for an outdoor gathering. Many League members were there.

Yours sincerely,

Marion Smith
Mrs. M.I. Smith

As you know from previous letters, the League supports economic aid for developing countries, educational opportunity for the disadvantaged, and the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee's bill for human resources.

League of Women Voters of Hibbing

HIBBING, MINNESOTA

Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing 55746
October 3, 1967

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

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I would appreciate this too-Mrs. M.I. Smith Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing

Enjoyed seeing you briefly at the John Blatnik 25th dinner. This is something for a man in public service to look forward to. We do appreciate your good relationship with the League and your understanding of its program.

As you doubtless know, the League supports increased educational opportunity through programs for the disadvantaged; also long range programs for economic aid to undeveloped countries; also the senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee's bill to create conditions under which equality of opportunity will be more nearly a reality authorizing expenditures for Title I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII and the Emergency Employment Act.

You will be hearing from us again.

Yours sincerely,

Marian Smith

Mrs. M.I. Smith
8th District congressional coordinator
LWV

League of Women Voters of Hibbing

HIBBING, MINNESOTA

Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing 55746
October 3, 1967

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

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I would appreciate one too-Mrs. M.I. Smith Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing

I want to complement you on your TV presentation this evening on Perspective: Vietnam. You speak from a background of education, knowledge, and extensive experience in international conferences.

Enjoyed seeing you briefly at the John Blatnik 25th. You aren't too far from a 25th yourself. We do appreciate your support of many League positions.

As you doubtless know, the League supports increased educational opportunity through programs for disadvantaged, beginning at the pre-school level and extending through secondary education; also long range programs for economic aid to undeveloped countries; and the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee's bill to create conditions under which equality of opportunity will be a reality authorizing expenditures for Title I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII and the Emergency Employment Act.

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Yours sincerely,

Marion Smith

Mrs. M.I. Smith

8th Congressional District Coordinator

LWV

1314 Summit Avenue
Cloquet, Minnesota, 55720

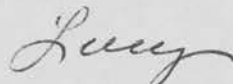
October 5, 1967

Dear Mrs. Ebbott,

Thank you for your recent letter on procedures for "Time for Action". I had been at a loss to know what to tell our action chairman were the duties of her portfolio.

This letter is to inform you that our action chairman is Mrs. William Bohren, 306 22nd, Cloquet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. Nelson".

Mrs. Ralph Nelson

To all 8th District League Presidents:-

Ebbott

Cloquet
Duluth
Hibbing

Ant. Falls
Silver Bay
Virginia

409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minnesota
September 5, 1967

Mrs. Eugene Eininger, President
League of Women Voters of Chisholm
217 - 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Street NE
Chisholm, Minnesota 55719

Dear Mrs. Eininger:

Summer vacation is coming to an end, but 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 rethinking 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." All Leagues are required to respond officially, and additional efforts should be made to get letters from individual League members as well as the community. To help us be more effective, Congressional District Coordinators were set up last year. Your League has done very good work in the past. Making full use of your Congressional District Coordinator should make your job easier and more meaningful in the future. Yours is: Mrs. M.I. Smith (Marion), Box 65, Star Route 2, Hibbing, Minnesota 55746. Phone: 254-3293

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

To encourage greater action and to give some well deserved pats on the back for jobs well done, Marion would also like to hear about extra efforts you make. Send a Time for Action card listing what you've done; send along newspaper clippings, etc. These will be a separate mailing because there won't be time to do it all within the 5 day limit. Marion from time to time will summarize and let you know what the 8th District has been up to.

There is also the vital job of being informed about your Congressmen. We are enclosing some background information about Senators McCarthy and Mondale. You

September 5, 1967

can write Representative Blatnik's and the Senators' offices and ask to be put on their newsletter lists. Be alert for newspaper clippings, evaluate their letters to you, try to arrange to meet your Congressmen, to talk over League positions, their positions, etc. It would be well to start a file on the man. This information will make letter writing far more meaningful. As you come up with some pertinent information, let Marion know. She will assemble it and share it with all of you.

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

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman

Enclosures



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BLATNIK

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Congressman John A. Blatnik's
25 years of public service*



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Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Smith
Box 65
Star Route 2
Hibbing, Minnesota

P. S. Will be in Washington D C

Aug 22 - 25

but may be too busy to
see Sen. Mondale and
Rep Blatnik -

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

Mrs. M. I. Smith
Box 65, Star Route 2
Hibbing, Minnesota 55746

Dear Mrs. Smith:

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

Last year you generously volunteered to become 8th Congressional District coordinator to help in getting local action and to function in a communicating, liaison capacity. Thank you very much for the fine job you have done. We do hope you will be willing to continue in the coming year. (If you should be unable to, could you suggest a replacement?)

We are now making contact with each district. The enclosed sheet contains discussion questions on Time for Actions and suggested possible procedures. By drawing on the experiences of coordinators and their contacts within the local League, we hope to arrive at some simple, workable suggestions. We need the benefit of your knowledge of the 8th District and would appreciate your comments.

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

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Mrs. James Clark

League of Women Voters of Minnesota

555 Wabasha, St. Paul 55101

Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing, Minn. 55746
December 10, 1967

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

Dear Senator McCarthy:

First would like to complement you on your appearance on Meet the Press just now. You expressed yourself well to some vixing questions. I look forward on Sunday to this program as well as Face the Nation and Issues and Answers. TV is dynamic communication. A broadcaster on radio just mentioned you were on Face the Nation today so either he or I am mixed on these two programs that are so similar.

I am writing to ask you to do what you can to support the Conference Committee Report and full appropriation authorize d by the Conference Committee in regard to S 2388 - OEO.

The League supports a program as good as that of last year if not better, which as you know will cost about two billion a year. A program like Head Start should be added to not reduced. For 35 years as elementary principal, I studied thousands of children entering kindergarten with varying degrees of ability and even greater differences in home backgrounds and experience. In a year the teacher was to get them ready for first grade reading when she often had near 40 in a class and two classes a day. Moreover it wasn't the thing to say anything, you were expected to cope with the situation. Head Start is a beginning.

The Saturday Duluth News Tribune reports the Senate approved of 1.98 billion beginning July 1 and 2.19 billion for the next fiscal period- this is not as much as the original Senate amounts but is higher than the House bill of 1.6 billion.

Have a good Christmas, sure it will be a busy season.

Yours sincerely,

Marian Smith

Mrs. M.I. Smith
8th Congressional District Coordinator
LWV

555 Webasha, St. Paul, Minn 55101

Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing 55746
December 8, 1967

The Honorable John A. Blatnik
Room 2449 Rayburn House Office Bldg
Washington, D.C. 20516

Dear John:

Am writing this time to ask you to do what you can to support the Conference Committee Report and full appropriation authorized by the Conference Committee in regard to S 2388-ORC

The House seems to be in a saving mood and we all realize the budget and deficit spending has to be controlled but these programs to better the life of so many Americans should have been started years ago.

The League supports a program as good as that of last year and if possible better, which as you know will cost about two billion a year. The Saturday Duluth News Tribune reports the senate approved 1.98 billion beginning July 1 and 2.18 billion for the next fiscal year- this isn't as much as the original Senate bill but it comes closer to the House 1.6 billion which is hardly enough.

A program like Head Start should be added to, not reduced. For 35 years as elementary school principal, I studied thousands of children entering kindergarten with varying degrees of ability and greater differences in home backgrounds and experience. In a year the teacher was to get them ready to tackle the job of first grade reading, when she often had near 40 in a class and two classes a day. Moreover it wasn't the thing to say anything, you were expected to cope with the situation. Head Start is a beginning. You know from your own children how important these early years are, for many children they are worse than wasted.

Will you be back in Chisholm for any of the holidays? Our weather was been wonderful. we saw four partridges in a large rose bush eating rose hips yesterday. We have seen moose and deer tracks in the snow in front of the house so the hunting season left some for seed.

The Minnesota League would like an interview with you, but it would take information about possible day and time. M.I. and I attended the all-day session on the VNP at Virginia. Thinking long range, we are very much for this park. (personal as the League has no stand on this matter.)

Wishing you a good Christmas

Yours sincerely, *Marion Smith*
Mrs. M.I. Smith, 8th Congressional Dist. Coordinator LHV

LWV Minnesota
555 Wabasha, St. Paul 55101

Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing 55746 *Minnesota*
December 9, 1967

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

Dear Senator Mondale:

Many of the League members are sure of your stand on legislation of League interest so do not write to you. Still I am writing to remind you the League is interested in S 2388 and is supporting the Conference Committee Report on OEO and the full appropriation authorized by the Conference Committee.

The League supports a program as good as that of last year if not better. which as you know will involve close to two billion dollars. A program like the Head start should be added to not reduced. For 35 years as elementary principal, I studied thousands of children entering kindergarten with varying degrees of ability and even greater differences in home backgrounds and experience. In a year the kindergarten teacher was expected to get them ready for the great experience of reading in the first grade. Often she had near 40 children to a class, one in the morning another in the afternoon. Moreover it wasn't the thing to say anything, you had to cope with the situation. Head Start is a beginning.

The today's Duluth News Tribune gives the Senate passing 1.98 billion beginning July 1 and 2.19 billion for the following fiscal period- this being down from the Senate's original amount but better than the House's 1.6 billion.

As an individual, I agree with Sen Javits who is quoted as saying, "the Green Amendment" could result in "a new barrel of pork" with "city hall control patrobage."

Am sending some clippings. Sure you have a clipping service but these may be of use to you.

Have a good Christmas. My husband and I have been appointed the Hibbing Mayer's Committee on Senior Citizens. We have held one meeting- heard something about hearings on senior citizens in Mpls in December.

Your sincerely,

Marion Smith

Mrs. M.I. Smith
8th Congressional District LWV
Coordinator

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

Dear Marion,

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

Irene Janski has written you about setting up an interview with Blatnik. I know this has been a real problem for you. Sunday's Minneapo is Tribune said that he will be in Duluth to throw out the first puck in the Russian-US Olympic teams' hockey game. He will be in Washington for the holidays, returning for another visit shortly before Congress reconvenes - January 15. If you are able to arrange anything, you can set it up as you wish. There should be at least two Leaguers and you could invite all of your contact people throughout your district. I'd be happy to come if it is at all possible.

Enclosed are:

1. A copy of a letter to Betty Bohren. I also sent a copy to the Cloquet president. We are recommending the Leagues consider subscribing to the Time for Action mailing. It's the mailing you get, costs \$2.50 for the year, comes directly to the individual, and well-worth it if opening mail and intra-League communication is a problem.
2. A reprint of some backgrounding on National CRs that we sent out last month in the Minnesota Board Memo.
3. A background sheet on Mondale. The State Board will be having an interview with Senator Mondale tomorrow. I made up this sheet from clippings collected through the fall pertaining to him. By giving it to the Board members before our meeting with him, hopefully we will all have a more informed, meaningful interview. I have some material in my file on Blatnik & just as soon as Christmas is over I'll work it up and send it along. I'm sure you have much more material on him, so by all means work make it available for your Leagues if you think it useful. (See where Blatnik won a conservation prize - Bernard M. Baruch prize of \$2,000 for authoring the Water Pollution Control Act. Minnesota is fortunate in having such important Congressmen.)

I have just loved your letters to Washington; and we certainly appreciate the excellent work you are doing. Many thanks.

Yours,

Mrs.

Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing Minn. 55746
November 23, 1967

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

Dear Senator Mondale:

Thanks for your letter of October 27th. You really have been in the news lately in regard to meat inspection. I belong to the Minnesota Consumers League, remember when you spoke at one of the conferences. You made a good appearance on TV, Sunday night on NET. We watch educational television a great deal- this new Sunday night program is excellent.

Now to the reason for writing. The League of Women Voters is very interested in the Foreign Aid Bill. We feel the funds for technical assistance, development loans and international organizations should be kept at the highest possible amount. These are "seed" programs to me, the kind that grows international friendship. There is so much need for these programs.

The very best of the Christmas season to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.I. Smith,
8th Congressional Coordinator LWV Minnesota

Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing 55746
November 23, 1967

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

Dear Senator McCarthy:

Thanks for your letter of October 16th. Since I am writing this on Thanksgiving day, I am wishing you a pleasant day too. Our trees are garlanded with snow- every little twig- so very beautiful.

Am writing about the foreign aid bill. Your position on the Finance Committee is an important one in regard to foreign aid as amounts to be granted are of vital importance. The League of Women Voters would like to see \$210 million for technical assistance, \$141 million for international organizations, \$450 million for development loans and \$478 million for Alliance of Progress.

I know we are faced with money for running the government, the war, the poverty program and foreign aid. To many the last is where we can cut- but this is a very short sighted view.

Thanks for what you can do.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.I. Smith

LWV Minnesota 8th District Coordinator
for Time for Action

(P.S. To bring better response, please try to make Time for Action a little shorter with a bit more thrust. Should have referred to Memorandum Oct.11 and Time for Action Aug.31) not in original letter

League of Women Voters of Hibbing

HIBBING, MINNESOTA

Box 85 star route 2 Hibbing, Minn. 55748
Nov. 2, 1967

The Honorable John A. Blatnik
Room 2449, Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear John:

Thanks for your letter of the 26th. Am writing this time in regard to the two House Committee changes in Title II, Economic Opportunity bill (H.R. 8311).

I realize why the Committee is stressing public official participation, but in many communities this is not practical. Community action programs may be adversely affected by local political groups, not sympathetic to the program or the poor involved. Also in many communities, the private, nonprofit agencies who are now working in eighty percent of the 1050 Community Action Agencies, accomplish more than could be done in the amendment framework of 1/3 public officials.

The other Committee amendment increasing the local share of funds from 10 to 20%, at least 10% in cash, could bring an end to many programs. If this increase is necessary, there should be a warning of a year that this is to be done so programs can try to meet this hurdle. This last remark is mine not the League position.

The League of Women Voters is vitally interested in an CEO that works and is funded adequately. The human resources in our country do need our attention, certainly as much as the economic, natural and others.

Am sending the Open Forum articles of Oct. 30-31 on iron ore and highways to the state League- very interesting. The national park for Minnesota is in the headlines daily, as you know. Not a dull moment.

Yours sincerely,

Marion Smith

Mrs. M.I. Smith
8th Congressional District Coordinator
League of Women Voters

Copy to LWV of the US 1200 17th St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036
Mrs. Ralph Abbott Congressional Action Chairman, Minn. LWV

In reply,
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League of Women Voters of Hibbing

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October 8, 1967

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I would appreciate this too-Mrs. M.I. Smith Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing

Enjoyed seeing you briefly at the John Blatnik 25th dinner. This is something for a man in public service to look forward to. We do appreciate your good relationship with the League and your understanding of its program.

As you doubtless know, the League supports increased educational opportunity through programs for the disadvantaged; also long range programs for economic aid to undeveloped countries; also the senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee's bill to create conditions under which equality of opportunity will be more nearly a reality authorizing expenditures for Title I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII and the Emergency Employment Act.

You will be hearing from us again.

Yours sincerely,

Marion Smith

Mrs. M.I. Smith
8th District congressional coordinator
LWV

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League of Women Voters of Hibbing

HIBBING, MINNESOTA

Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing 55746
October 3, 1967

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I would appreciate one too-Mrs. M.I. Smith Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing

I want to complement you on your TV presentation this evening on Perspective: Vietnam. You speak from a background of education, knowledge, and extensive experience in international conferences.

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League of Women Voters of Hibbing

HIBBING, MINNESOTA

Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing, Minn. 55746

October 20, 1967

The Honorable John A. Blatnik
House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Congressman Blatnik:

Thanks for the very interesting leaflet on "Highway Hazards."
We are glad you are working on safety on our roads.

Since you are studying national parks, am sending you the clipping from today's paper. Minnesota's natural beauty should be found in a national park for future generations to enjoy. My husband and I have visited every mainland national park except two small ones in the south central part of the country. This is from me-not a League stand.

The purpose of this letter is to tell you how glad we are to hear about H.J.R. 396 providing representation to D.C. citizens on the same basis as other U.S. citizens. From what Veda Ponakvar said, I understand you have been working on this legislation.

A year ago, our local radio station taped a program of our local League on Home Rule for Washington, D.C. and one point we brought out was that the people could not elect their own school board. This seemed to really bring out their lack of vote determination; the young man who did the taping could hardly believe it. I understand this item has been corrected recently, and you had a part in this action.

Doesn't it make you feel good having a part in changing something which has been wrong for so long and at the same time you are helping to build a better world for now and the future?

Hope others will write to you about favorable reaction to H.J.R. 396. M.I. sends his greetings to you, John.

Yours sincerely,

Marion Smith

Mrs. M.I. Smith

LWV 6th Congressional District Coordinator

P.S. The action chairman for Hibbing is Mrs. Frank Pascuzzi, 2109 E 11 Ave. so you will be hearing from her too.

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League of Women Voters of Hibbing

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The last Capitol Chats I have is dated Oct. 1966.

We must not forget the League hasn't had an interview with you in Minnesota. Anytime you will be in Chisholm, please let me know in time for a state board member to make the trip to northern Minnesota to visit with you on legislation of interest to the League.

When in Washington the day the House worked on foreign aid until 3:30 am, I looked on about 4:30 pm, also had a pleasant visit with your office staff.

Enjoyed greeting you on the train from Duluth to Chisholm after your big 25th. The dinner was good, the talks and manner of presentation excellent, the booklet is beautiful. This was also an event for M.I. and myself-the latest we have come home from any celebration.

Saw you at a distance at the opening of the Water Quality Laboratory in Duluth- it was a beautiful day for an outdoor gathering. Many League members were there.

Yours sincerely,

M. I. Smith
Mrs. M.I. Smith

As you know from previous letters, the League supports economic aid for developing countries, educational opportunity for the disadvantaged, and the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee's bill for human resources.

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League of Women Voters of Hibbing

HIBBING, MINNESOTA

Box 55 Star Route 2, Hibbing, Minn. 55746
October 29, 1967

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LWV 8th Congressional District Coordinator

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League of Women Voters of Hibbing

HIBBING, MINNESOTA

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Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing, 55746
Feb. 10, 1967

Mrs. Lewis Daniel
National Program Chairman
Minnesota LWV
University of Minn., Minneapolis, 55455

Dear Mrs. Daniels:

Should have sent you a copy of John Blatnik's letter before but I thought I'd get it duplicated and also wondered if his suggested mail interview is what you want. You recall his sudden trip to Japan and illness on the way back changed his plans to come to Chisholm before Christmas.

Letter dated December 20, 1967:

Please forgive this inadvertent delay in replying to your good letter requesting an interview in Chisholm to discuss the national program of the League of Women Voters. As you know, I have been traveling extensively during the pre-election campaign and afterward as special congressional advisor to Treasury Secretary Henry Fowler for the establishment of the Asian Development Bank, and am only now able to get to my personal correspondence.

I would very much have enjoyed a session with you to discuss the various matters of interest to the League as I have always had a very great admiration for the fine work that the League does both on national and local issues. However, my busy schedule made it impossible for me to arrange such a meeting.

I am sure we could accomplish the same objectives if you would be good enough to send me a detailed statement of the matter which you had in mind to discuss with me, and in return correspondence I could indicate to you my views on these issues. Then, perhaps, at a later date on one of my trips to the district where I would have time to do so, I would, of course, be very happy to meet with your local chapter of the League and discuss with you and the membership these and other matters of interest on a more personal basis.

With every good wish for the Holiday Season and the New Year.

Sincerely,

John A. Blatnik, M.C.

I wrote to you and Mrs. McCoy, 2312 Lake Pl., Minneapolis, when the planned interview couldn't happen. Am inclosing a copy of this letter if you wish to send Mrs. McCoy one. Will do whatever you think best. If Mrs. McCoy and you wish to pose the questions send them to me, I could add (which is unlikely), send on with a cover letter to Mr. Blatnik.

Sincerely,

Marion Smith (Mrs. M.I.)

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TO: Mrs M. I. Smith
Box 65 - Star Route 2
Hibbing 55746

FROM: 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. Smith:

Thank you for keeping me and Mrs. Pooley informed about your responses to national Times for Action. It sounds to me as if Hibbing were doing an excellent job in this field.

Please feel free to call on me or Mrs. Pooley if you think we can be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely

Mar 24, 1966 FIVE

LWV Urges Congress to Finish Job

Members of the Hibbing League of Women Voters in taking up the case for home rule for the District of Columbia, League president, Mrs. M. I. Smith, today called on Senators McCarthy and Mondale



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League of Women Voters of Hibbing

HIBBING, MINNESOTA

Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing 55746

Mar. 31, 1966

Mrs. J.W. Pooley
Time for Action Coordinator, 8th Congressional District
2814 Greysolon Road
Duluth, Minn. 55812

Dear Mrs. Pooley:

Thanks for your good letter and material. The trouble with some of the pieces of material is if it is needed by a chairman or for a briefing it travels and then is not found in the president's file. I believe many small items could be sent in duplicate.

The suggestions are good. Again wish I had two, one for Miss Gee and one for myself.

In regard to Home Rule, we:
Sent letters to Congressmen (Copies were sent you previously)
Sent a letter to the LWV of Washington D.C. for Mar. 29.
Had a fine editorial in the paper (inclosed)
Had an article in the paper for Mar. 29. (inclosed)
Worked up a 10 minute radio presentation which was broadcast
5:50-6 pm March 29 over WMFG- Miss Adelaide Gee and I were taped.

If you are at the State Council, hope to have an opportunity to visit with you.

Yours sincerely,

Marion Smith
Mrs. M.I. Smith, President

Copies to Mrs. Lewis Daniel
to LWV of US.

March 19, 1966

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Hon. Walter F. Mondale
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Mondale,

We thought you might be interested in the enclosed press release to the Hibbing Daily Tribune stating our position on home rule for Washington, D.C. The League has studied this problem nationally for many years and has always felt that the citizens of Washington should vote for and run their own local government.

I am also enclosing a copy of an article stating the League's stand in favor of reapportionment of state legislatures on a population basis and a copy of an editorial which was based on League information, on the Dirksen amendment.

We appreciate your interest and work on these measures.

Sincerely,

Secretary

Similar letters sent to Senator Eugene McCarthy and Representative John Blatnik.

Cloquet, Minn.
March 6, 1966

Dear Mrs Daniel,

I expect to attend the
"Times for Action" meeting in
Duluth on Thursday. There
is a possibility one other board
member will attend too - She is
Mrs J J Tucker. My "Action"

Chairman can't be there - so
we hope to bring information
back for her.

Sorry to be so slow
responding -

Sincerely,
Arlene Walner
(Mrs Frederick E.)

League of Women Voters of Virginia
Virginia, Minnesota 55792

March 4, 1966.

My dear Mrs. Daniel,

There will be 3 or 4 members of
the Virginia League who will be attending
the 'Times for Action' meeting in Duluth, Mar. 10th.
at 1 p.m. at the Duluth League office -

I am sure the weather will
permit in another week - Best wishes,
Ruth Rosemeier

March 8, 1967

Mrs. M. I. Smith
Box 65 Star Route 2
Hibbing, Minn. 55746

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Your letter of February 10 to Hannah Daniel has been forwarded to me, and I thank you for all your many plans and attempts to arrange the Congressional interview assigned us with Mr. Blatnik. I thank you, also, for the copy of his letter to you dated December 20, 1967.

It looks as though our chances of having the "face-to-face" kind of conversation envisioned by national are fading--with the possible exception of a meeting during a spring recess. If it should be that Mr. Blatnik returns to Minnesota during that recess and you can arrange an interview, I know that you will. Do drop me a note or call me should this materialize, and I'll hope to drive up to meet with you, too.

Should this not be possible, I imagine we'll just have to write this year's "Congressional Interview" off as not successful, such as it was anticipated by all of us. The suggestion to pose some questions to Mr. Blatnik by letter would not gain the ends desired by the personal interview as suggested by national. Actually there is no set of questions to be posed--the material is complete in the October, 1966, information from national directed to local Leagues interviewing Representatives. I am sure that a copy of this memo was sent to you to assist in preparation for the interview, and you will want to refer to it should the spring recess interview materialize.

Thank you again for all your good effort in this project. Do let me know if you are able to make an appointment for the recess.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Charles McCoy
Secretary
League of Women Voters of Minnesota

August 20, 1965

The Honorable John Blatnik
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Blatnik,

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

We appreciate your reply to Mrs. Robert Stuart, President of the League of Women Voters of the U.S., expressing your support for D.C. home rule. We are happy you now have an opportunity to sign the petition to help get the D.C. home rule bill before the House.

We wish you every success in your efforts on behalf of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Mrs. C. J. Janski
First Vice President

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Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing, Minn. 55746
Nov. 18, 1966

The Honorable John Blatnik
1533 House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Blatnik:

I am writing as the Times for Action coordinator for Eighth Congressional District for the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. You have already received a letter from the League, asking for an interview.

The purpose is to discuss your opinion on issues which are part of our national program. Some suggested areas are: Home Rule for the District of Columbia, Foreign Aid, Water Resources, Economic Opportunity Act Amendments.

Our state and national offices will receive copies of the interview. The state board representative, who will be with me, is: Mrs. Charles McCoy, 2314 Lake Place, Minneapolis. As soon as we agree on a time I will inform her.

The relative who lives in your home told me you will be in Chisholm from Dec. 13 to 23. For our interview, how would Dec. 15 or 16 be, about 1pm? Your relative suggested your home but I'd be happy if you wished to come to my home, ten miles from Chisholm, or any other suitable Chisholm or Hibbing place.

Enjoyed your Capitol Chats and congratulation on attaining 41st place in House seniority while many more years are possible. Good picture in papers of participation in lighting Aerial Bridge. Also interesting article in Duluth Tribune, Nov. 18 on reevaluation of national programs.

An early reply would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.I. Smith, President LWV Hibbing

P.S. Mr. M.I. also sends his regards

Copies to

✓ Mrs. Lewis Daniel, National Program Chairman

Mrs. Charles McCoy

MR. & MRS. JOHN W. POOLEY
2914 GREYSOLON ROAD
DULUTH, MINNESOTA 55812

Monday
July 18, 1966.

JUL 21 1966

Dear Mrs. Daniel:

I have been meaning to write you for some time and am glad your Memo of the 14th has prompted some action on my part. For quite some time I have had misgivings concerning the effectiveness of this Times for Action program as set up by the State board. Maybe I am hasty in seeing its weaknesses but there is evidence on two points which you should know. No notice was sent me as Coordinator for the Eighth Congressional District that there was a Call for Action on Foreign Aid. The first I knew about it was when our Vice President called me and asked whether the Resource Chairman on our board should write in response to the Call for Action or whether the newly appointed Action Chairman should write the letter! Frankly, I was in a quandry for from what I could learn from several of our board members, the duties of the Action Chairman concerning Calls for Action on the National level are very hazy. It seemed a waste of time to have the Resource Chairman call the Action Chairman and explain the Call for Action and what the letter should contain. I advised our Vice President that the most effective response would be for the Resource Chairman to write the letter, send a copy to State, National, and to me. So-you can see that my two points of evidence are proof of poor communication and job description.

If National wishes more numerous and forceful responses to Calls for Action I believe there must be more education of the whole membership as to the need for Action on National Items on which we have reached consensus. I do not believe this is the responsibility of the State League.

MR. & MRS. JOHN W. POOLEY
2914 GREYSOLON ROAD
DULUTH, MINNESOTA 55812

For the past two years I have been most dissatisfied with the enlarged scope of League program, both on the National and State levels. I wrote a letter concerning my dissatisfaction to the Duluth Board and it was read at every unit meeting at the time we were discussing National Program. The League of Women Voters is one of the finest organizations it has ever been my privilege to belong to but it is a volunteer organization and its purposes and principles should not get bogged down in too much organizational planning which involves extensive personnel and paper work. With many fine women working, it is getting to be extremely difficult to find dedicated and capable, as well as educated women to assume positions on our local boards. The programs we have adopted on the state and national levels mean much study, program planning, committee meetings, etc. and I do not believe that State should impose another level of personnel--Times for Action Committee-- to prod and push those board members who have assumed responsibility for a National item. The procedure as it has worked out in the past, seems to me the simplest and most effective. The President or the Vice President of a local League notifies the Chairman of a National item that there is a Call for Action and informs her as to what her response should be in the name of the League.

As Coordinator of Leagues in this Congressional District, when I received a copy of your report to the State Board concerning the meetings you attended throughout the state, I had the page of your report with its eight recommendations copied and sent a copy accompanied by a letter of explanation to all the League Presidents in this District. The Hibbing League, as well as the Duluth League are the two Leagues who have responded to the recommendations and my letter. Four Leagues have sent me the names of their Action Chairmen. I am most reluctant to send a "prodding" letter to these Action Chairmen, especially if they are not clear as to their duties, or to the Presidents of the

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other Leagues who have not sent me the names of their Action Chairmen. Personally, to me, it is most distasteful to keep writing letters to local League Presidents and board members prodding and pushing them to perform the duties which they faithfully accepted upon assuming the positions they now have.

If you are going to proceed with this Times for Action Committee on the State level, I wish you would find another Coordinator who feels that this program is worthwhile.

Very sincerely,

Mary R. Pooley

Mrs. John W. Pooley

P.S. I know you will be interested to know that about the first of April I wrote a long, detailed letter to Rep. John Blatnik. Because we have such difficulty arranging a personal interview with Mr. Blatnik whenever he is in the area, I explained in my letter that I would be most grateful if he would give the Leagues in his Congressional District his views on our National program items, Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibility. I listed all of them and explained fully those on which we had reached consensus and those we were still in the process of studying. I also explained what we meant by a "Call for Action" (even though I know he is aware of how the League functions). Whether this all overwhelmed him, I do not know, for I have never received a reply to my letter. This is very puzzling for Mr. Blatnik has always been most prompt and enthusiastic in replying to letters sent him by League members, whether it was asking for pamphlets, bills before the Congress, or Time for Action letters.

M.R.P.

3912 York Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn.
55410

August 7, 1966

Mrs. John W. Pooley
2914 Greysolon Road
Duluth, Minn. 55812

Dear Mrs. Pooley:

I apologize for being slow in answering your thoughtful letter of July 18th. I have been on a prolonged vacation on Madeline Island and am just now returning to League work.

I appreciate your reservations about being Times for Action coordinator for the eighth congressional district. I, too, hate prodding and pushing.

It would certainly seem, as you say, that in your district communication and job description are poor. It has been my understanding that the Action Chairman of a local League is concerned only with state legislative action.

It would be helpful if each congressional Times for Action coordinator could receive a duplicate of president's mailing from national, which of course includes all national Time for Action requests.

Please bear with me for another couple of weeks before I answer your letter more fully. I would like to talk to Annette Whiting and other state Board members about the efficacy of our pilot project on Times for Action coordinators. We meet as a state Board on August 17th, and after that meeting I will write to you again, hopefully with some constructive ideas.

Thank you for being so frank and explicit about your reactions to our experiment.

Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel
State foreign policy chairman.

3912 York Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn.
55410

September 22, 1966

Mrs. M.I. Smith
Star Rte. 2, Box 65
Hibbing, Minn. 55350

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I realize from the letter you sent me last March that you understand and are enthusiastic about the state Board's program of setting up Times for Action committees in each of Minnesota's eight congressional districts.

As you know, Mrs. John Pooley from Duluth has been serving as coordinator for the eighth congressional district. She has written me that because of other time consuming commitments, necessitating trips out of town, she will be unable to continue as coordinator.

I am hoping that you will be willing to accept this responsibility, or if you feel you do not have the time for it, will suggest someone from the Hibbing League who might do so.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I sent last month to the Times for Action coordinators. Mrs. Pooley has a file of the various communications she has received and would be glad to send this file on to you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lewis M. Daniel
State Foreign Policy Chairman

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TO: Mrs. I. M. Smith

FROM: Mrs. Lewis Daniel, state foreign policy chairman

SUBJECT: Times for Action coordinators

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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

DATE Sept. 29, 1966

It was nice talking to you the other day. I am delighted that you are willing to serve as Times for Action coordinator for the eighth congressional district. When you have received Mrs. Pooley's file I think you will understand fully the responsibilities of your job. If you have any questions, let me know.

I will be writing to you sometime next month about our congressional interviews. It was most ~~satisfactory~~ satisfying to learn that you know Mr. Blatnik and will have no trouble getting an interview with him. The state Board member who will probably go with you is Mrs. Charles McCoy, the state Voters Service chairman. She lives in Minneapolis, but her mother lives in Duluth and she will combine a visit to her mother with a trip to the range for an interview with Mr. Blatnik.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lewis Daniel
3912 York Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55410

LWV Units Set March Meetings

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League of Women Voters unit meetings for March were announced today as follows:

Unit One meets Monday at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. William Pietila, 3007 W. Second Ave. Mrs. John Graber will give the topic.



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League of Women Voters of Hibbing

HIBBING, MINNESOTA

Box 65 Star Route 2, Hibbing 55746
March 17, 1966

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Mrs. Lewis Daniel
National Program Chairman
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Daniel:

Am sure the state Board plan of a coordinator in each of the congressional districts to help with Time for Action is a workable one. When your letter was received, I called Miss Adelaide Gee, who has been on our Board for two years on appointment and has been nominated as a Director.

She planned to drive to the meeting in Duluth on March 10, and I planned to go with her as I was interested in the exchange of information which would take place.

The day before the meeting, Miss Gee called saying she had received unfavorable reports of road conditions and decided not to drive. I was very disappointed.

We sent letters to Senators McCarthy and Mondale, and Rep. Baltnik about apportionment and now on Home rule. We received replies from Sen. Mondale and McCarthy which were read at our last Board meeting.

Sent an article to the papers and am inclosing a clipping, 2-23-66. A few days later the editorial we sent in was used without mention of the League otherwise it was good.

Another article is in now for the Home Rule day, Mar. 29. We are also sending in the editorial sent to us.

In our unit meetings this month, we studied the Proposed CAs and CRs. Home Rule was taken up in detail, making use of the cost to have our Congressmen serve as City Council.

I will keep you informed as time goes on. We should have sent copies of letters to you on apportionment but am sending those on home rule with this letter.

Yours sincerely,
Marion Smith
Mrs. M.I. Smith, President

Copy to Mrs. John Pooley 2914 Greysolon Rd. Duluth 55804
" " LWV of US 1200 17 St. N.W., Washington 20036

February 14, 1966

Mrs. Perry Stoddard, President
League of Women Voters of Chisholm
305 NW 3rd
Chisholm, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Stoddard,

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. John Pooley from the League of Women Voters of Duluth has accepted the responsibility of being the coordinator for the eighth 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. Pooley and members of the state Board on Thursday, March 10, at 1:00 p.m. at the Duluth League office, 222 Greyhound Building, Superior Street near 4th Avenue West. 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

Same to all in & to

MR. & MRS. JOHN W. POOLEY
2914 GREYSOLON ROAD
DULUTH, MINNESOTA 55812

February 11, 1966

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Dear Mrs. Daniel:

I was pleased to receive your letter and wish to assure you that March 10 at 1:00 p.m. at the Duluth League Office will be a most suitable time and place for a meeting concerning this Times for Action effort.

If there is any special reading material or aids which you think would help in making this meeting successful, I would appreciate knowing about them.

I had the pleasure of meeting you last winter when, as a member of the State Nominating Committee, Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Janski, and I called upon you to urge you to become a nominee on the 1965-67 Minnesota Board, so it will be a pleasure to see you again and welcome you to Duluth.

Sincerely,

Mary R. Pooley

Mrs. John W. Pooley

February 7, 1966

Mrs. John Pooley
2914 Greysolon Road
Duluth, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Pooley,

Mrs. John Bettman has informed me that you will accept the responsibility in the eighth district of coordinating the effort to get more effective response to Times for Action. We are grateful to you for assuming this responsibility and hope it will not be too much of a burden. The basic idea is to provide a mutual exchange of ideas and information.

If it is convenient for you, we will write to the other Leagues in the district and suggest that each send a representative to a meeting at the Duluth League office on Thursday, March 10, at 1:00 p.m. Please let me know if that date will be convenient for you. I will not contact the other Leagues until I hear from you.

Thank you for your help. I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lewis Daniel
National Program Chairman

February 7, 1966

Mrs. John Dettman, President
League of Women Voters of Duluth
1405 N. 8th Avenue E.
Duluth, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Dettman,

Thank you for your prompt and cordial reply to our request for a Time for Action coordinator for the eighth district. I am delighted that Mrs. Pooley will accept this responsibility.

I am writing to her today to suggest a meeting on Thursday, March 10, at 1:00 p.m. We will also contact the other Leagues in the eighth district giving them the time and place if that date proves convenient for Mrs. Pooley.

Again, thank you for your help in this enterprise.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lewis Daniel
National Program Chairman

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DULUTH
514 LYCEUM BUILDING
DULUTH, MINNESOTA 55802

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February 2, 1966

Mrs. Lewis Daniel
National Program Chairman
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
U. of M., Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Daniel:

In reply to your letter of January 24, I am happy to tell you that the Duluth League will accept the responsibility of providing a coordinator for responding to Times for Action for the 8th Congressional District.

I have asked Mrs. John Pooley (Mary) to accept this job. She is a long-time leaguer, has been involved with various national item committees, and I am sure will do a good job in this area. As to the time for the meeting, I think any time after the second week in February would be acceptable and we would be happy to hold the meeting in our new office at 222 Greyhound Building. Our location is on Superior Street near 4th Avenue West. The office will be in use the mornings of February 16 and 17, but any other time will be fine.

We will await further word from you as to definite scheduling.

Sincerely,



Mrs. John Dettmann, President
League of Women Voters of Duluth

P. S. If you would like to contact Mrs. Pooley directly, her address is 2914 Greysolon Road.

March 10 ?

at 1:00 P.M.



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CONGRESSIONAL INTERVIEW

Congressman John A. Blatnik - 8th District, Minnesota - DFL

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