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memorandum

The League of Women Voters of the United States

This is going on DPM.

August 8, 1974

TO: State and Local League Presidents
 FROM: Ruth C. Clusen, President and Ruth L. Sims, Action Chairman
 RE: Implementation of Convention vote authorizing action on League principles

This memorandum duplicates for your convenience information carried in National Board Report # 1. We also are making some suggestions about how to inform your members and requesting that you report action on the basis of principles to the Legislative Action Department of the LWVUS.

When you decide to use the principles as a basis for action, we would be interested in hearing about your experience including 1) the action taken and under which principle; 2) how you involved the membership in determining their understanding and agreement.

The LWVUS board recommends that the statement printed in italics in this memo be carried in full in your local Bulletins and state VOTERS. Along with such an article, we also suggest that you print the principles as amended by the 1974 Convention. For your immediate reference, the principles now read:

- . The League of Women Voters believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States.
- . The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible.
- . The League of Women Voters believes that every citizen should be protected in his right to vote; that every person should have access to free public education which provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination.
- . The League of Women Voters believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibility, adequate financing and coordination among the different agencies and levels of government.
- . The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people; that government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation, promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest, share in the solution of economic and social problems which affect the general welfare, promote a sound economy and adopt domestic policies which facilitate the solution of international problems.
- . The League of Women Voters believes that cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems, and that the development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of world peace.

Implementation of Convention vote authorizing action on League principles.

The 1974 Convention of the League of Women Voters authorized action by local, state and national Leagues on the basis of League principles. Since the principles evolved from and incorporate former League positions, this authorization for action does not constitute a radical departure from action on all program positions. Thus, each League board will consider the degree of member understanding and support of any action, just as it does with all program positions.

The "Program for Action" adopted by the 1974 national Convention incorporated in its introductory statement and under the individual items most of the concepts listed separately in the principles. The three specific clauses not included are that government should 1) "maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation" and 2) "promote a sound economy" and that 3) the development of "international law" is imperative in the promotion of world peace.

These references are so general that the national committee working on the proposed program believed that any specific action would require considerable member discussion. For example, a tax system should of course be fair and equitable but to whom and in what proportion is a complicated question. Similarly, although the League obviously would not promote an unsound economy, just what constitutes a sound economy and how it can be achieved requires careful study. The statement on development of international law, also a worthy goal, seemed to lack the specificity needed.

The national board suggests, therefore, that any action on these three aspects of the principles be taken in connection with present or future League positions to which they are applicable and upon which member agreement and understanding are known.

In summary, implementation of the Convention vote to take action on League principles will depend on authorization by the appropriate board (i.e. local, state or national) following their agreement that member understanding and agreement exist and that action is appropriate as to timing, need and effectiveness.

In addition, where action results will have ramifications which extend beyond a League's own governmental jurisdiction, the League should consult other affected Leagues and agreement should be sought.

HOW WELL ARE WOMEN REPRESENTED IN YOUR STATE LEGISLATURE?

State	1981 Senates Total Women/Total Seats		1981 House/Assemblies Total Women/Total Seats		Percentage of Women State Legislators
Alabama	0	35	6	105	4.3%
Alaska	2	20	4	40	10.0%
Arizona	5	30	12	60	17.0%
Arkansas	1	35	4	100	3.7%
California	2	40	10	80	10.0%
Colorado	4	35	19	65	23.0%
Connecticut	8	36	32	151	21.4%
Delaware	2	21	7	41	14.5%
Florida	4	40	12	120	10.0%
Georgia	2	56	15	180	7.2%
Hawaii	4	25	10	51	18.4%
Idaho	2	35	8	70	9.5%
Illinois	4	59	28	177	13.6%
Indiana	4	50	8	100	8.0%
Iowa	2	50	16	100	12.0%
Kansas	4	40	18	125	13.3%
Kentucky	2	38	8	100	7.2%
Louisiana	0	39	2	105	1.4%
Maine	6	33	36	151	22.8%
Maryland	3	47	25	141	14.9%
Massachusetts	5	40	14	160	9.5%
Michigan	0	38	16	110	10.8%
Minnesota	5	67	19	134	11.9%
Mississippi	0	52	2	122	1.1%
Missouri	2	34	20	163	11.2%
Montana	4	50	13	100	11.3%

State	1981 Senates Total Women/Total Seats		1981 House/Assemblies Total Women/Total Seats		Percentage of Women State Legislators
Nebraska	Unicameral Legislature		5	49	10.2%
Nevada	2	20	5	40	11.7%
New Hampshire	2	24	121	400	29.0%
New Jersey	1	40	7	80	6.7%
New Mexico	2	42	5	70	6.3%
New York	4	60	14	150	8.6%
North Carolina	3	50	19	120	12.9%
North Dakota	3	50	15	100	12.0%
Ohio	1	33	9	99	7.6%
Oklahoma	1	48	11	101	8.1%
Oregon	1	30	19	60	22.2%
Pennsylvania	1	50	10	203	4.3%
Rhode Island	5	50	10	100	10.0%
South Carolina	2	46	9	124	6.5%
South Dakota	3	35	8	70	10.5%
Tennessee	1	33	5	99	4.5%
Texas	1	31	11	150	6.6%
Utah	1	29	6	75	6.7%
Vermont	4	30	35	150	21.7%
Virginia	1	40	8	100	6.4%
Washington	8	49	27	98	23.8%
West Virginia	2	34	14	100	11.9%
Wisconsin	2	33	18	99	15.2%
Wyoming	3	30	14	62	18.5%
TOTALS	131	1932	770	5550	12.0%

A Decade of Progress

WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND STATE LEGISLATURES 1971-1981

CONGRESS	1971	1981	Change
# of Women	11	20	+9
Total # of Seats	535	535	0
% of Women	2%	4%	+2%

STATE LEGISLATURES	1971	1981	Change
# of Women	362	901	+539
Total # of Seats	7603	7482	-121
% of Women	5%	12%	+7%

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ACTION COMMITTEE - June 21, 1977 - Berkwitz, Poppleton, Borg, Enders, Rosenblatt, Brown, DeSantis, Anderson, A. Fuhr - McKaig and Lucas, Secretary

Urban Crisis -- what to do with it, or to define State's role in it.

Alison Fuhr - gave a report on CMAL's plans for their study from what evolved in yesterday's CMAL committee meeting. Tentative plans call for interviewing as many experts as they can -- talk to them -- have some fun -- more relaxed -- no surveys. Their questions might be: Is there a crisis? What is the urban crisis? How would you solve it? Perhaps interview 20 people -- then committee come back together and hope to find a common thread, such as sociological, transportation, money, etc. Then they might come up with a book of their own on urban crisis. Hopefully this could be done within a year. This would not compete with anything a local League might want to do.

The second year, perhaps, there could be quarterly meetings which would involve local Leagues, with a speaker on whatever subject. The premise of the committee is "we know nothing."

There was a discussion as to the role of a state League in a national study.

Lois had read the Committee Guide again and told what Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, and Iowa are starting -- Jerry Enders pointed out that none has an ILO as Minnesota does.

Pam asked how outstate Leagues deal with this national topic. Alison thought State could act as a guide for outstate Leagues -- encourage local Leagues to do their own. Borg said State study is ONLY National study. Mary Poppleton -- every time there is a national study, State committee has to work just as hard. Brown -- feels we should use CMAL -- Jerry says it is difficult to convert to outstate. Alison had seen Ann Duff, whose concern is that we talk about issues but never about people. Jerry does not feel we should look only at what government is doing but what are people doing -- people are needed for urban crisis. Lois says we can do what we want for this study.

Jerry Enders agreed to be the off-Board member to coordinate -- but not to do substantial research. She would like to attempt to see us write a paper or series of papers defining urban crisis -- get community opinions of what they want to do. There could be a traveling road show. Many local Leagues have "urban crisis" as a local study item and don't realize it.

Jerry will make up some kind of a plan for the Action Committee to change, add to, or criticize -- will be on the agenda for the August Action Committee meeting. She will report to Lois. From now on, there will be a report from the Action Committee for each LWVMN Board meeting. Jerry will deal with and work with CMAL.

Gay Rights -- LWVMN wrote Marshall LWV to let us know if anything develops regarding Anita Bryant's reported visit to Marshall. Minneapolis LWV feels a real need to educate -- that State should help. Hall suggested we write a well-thought-out press release stating our position on Equality of Opportunity and rights for all and keep it on file to send out if Bryant's visit becomes a reality. There was a discussion of what IS education -- our position does not include a laundry list like the state law has to do. Pam feels we should keep sending local Leagues publications on gays, but what else are we going to do? Giving them a bibliography was an idea.

Material will be prepared to be sent out with the August Board Memo -- G. Hall will do this.

The Supreme Court decision on abortion was discussed. The implications of the decision should be looked at when we do our welfare update.

Program for Action - This publication should be published in fall or winter '77.

There was general discussion about the organization of the new publication.

Local Action - is now scattered in the various Program areas -- should it be in one place?

Program - the book should be reorganized into the Program areas that we now have on the state Board.

Rewrite - each Program chairperson should redo their section. This should be done by the August Action Committee meeting so that it can be discussed at that meeting.

Use National position where we can act at the State level. Write from State standpoint - indicate level of position.

Enders - please look at/for urban crisis connections while you are doing the rewrite.

IR Forum - Rosemary Ritche has asked if LWV would like to participate in the forum in the 3rd District - hearing for I-R legislators about what the legislative session did or didn't do. Also ask questions. There was general discussion. Decision - we will not participate.

Legislative Interviews - The questions are due at the August Action Committee meeting. We should have new questions. Libraries are one area that should be asked about.

Next Meeting - August 2 - 9:30 a.m. - State Office

INTERVIEW: Donald M. Fraser

'Park Has Dismantled Democracy'

U.S. Congressman Donald M. Fraser, 53, began insisting that America proclaim its devotion to human rights around the world long before such a position became fashionable in Washington. Recently, Fraser chaired the Congressional subcommittee that exposed the illegal activities of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency in the U.S. Below, excerpts from an interview with the Minnesota Democrat conducted by NEWSWEEK INTERNATIONAL'S Lars-Erik Nelson:

Q. *What does that mean?*

A. Torture, prolonged detention without charges and a trial, summary execution or disappearances. I think that we should be considerably tougher in withholding any appearance of support for governments which are involved in those practices.

But I think otherwise we simply have to look at a country, understand it, know its history and where it's going. Most societies around the world suffer consid-

So, in my scale of values, I put racial discrimination as the most serious of all of the human-rights violations and one most likely to cause tensions which may spill over into the international arena.

Q. *Do you have any sense that by exposing the misdeeds of the KCIA you might be undermining the legitimate security of the South Korean people, who now face the withdrawal of American troops, prompted in part by our distaste for supporting that regime they live under?*



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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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MEMO

TO: Action Committee

FROM: Karen Anderson

SUBJECT: Efficiency - FYI

DATE: 7/8/77

34 AGENCIES MEET FORMS REDUCTION DEADLINE

Capitol Reporter -
June 9th, 1977

Rick Hullsiek, Forms Manager and Project Director for the Governor's Forms Reduction Program, has announced that 34 state agencies have met the May 31st deadline for completion of their forms inventories, with eight agencies further reporting the elimination of a total of 400 forms from these inventories. The Department of Transportation has reported the elimination of 181 forms, leaving 2,731 forms in its inventory; Agriculture has eliminated 98, leaving 652 forms; and Labor and Industry has eliminated 94 forms, leaving 398 forms in its inventory.

Governor Perpich has set a goal of a 30% reduction in the number of forms used by each state agency by December, 1978. Hullsiek cited several state employees for doing a "superb job" in coding input sheets for their agency's forms, and added, "These people really made our review work a lot easier than we expected it to be. We hope it continues for the balance of the 86 agencies taking part in the program." Of the eight agencies reporting forms eliminations, only the Humane Society has achieved the required reduction, by eliminating one of its three forms.

Who said state government wasn't efficient?



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MEMO

TO: Boarders

FROM: Herb

SUBJECT: This and That

DATE: August 19, 1977

Milo Schefers from Moorhead called today. In case anyone was planning to attend their interview with Rep. Stangeland, it has been cancelled because he feels he has been over-exposed in that area. By some fantastic means, they also managed to get a one-hour interview with Governor Perpich, which will be held (and they hope video-taped) this coming Thursday, August 25. If any of you have questions you would like the Moorhead and Detroit Lakes Leagues to ask of Rudy, please call Milo immediately. I did suggest that they talk to him about how priorities for spending are determined; Milo thought that was a goodie.

Florence Vance, President of the LWV of Worthington, has requested that perhaps someone who is leading one of the workshops on the 21st in New Ulm would like to return with Florence to Worthington and talk to the Worthington Board about action and lobbying at the state and national levels. Board meeting would be at 9:00 in the morning on the 22nd, and she will get you to the airport for a plane which leaves Worthington at 1:00. Accommodations could be overnight at Florence's house. If anyone cares to volunteer, please notify us, and we will notify Florence. Thank you.

Have a nice weekend.

2 August 1977
Action Committee Agenda

1. Program for Action Revisions
2. Urban Crisis topic
3. Action Workshops
4. Legislative Interviews
5. Title IX
6. Recommendations for legislative awards ?
ERA
Lobbying talk - Conservation
Action generally

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Ms. Helene Borg
P.O. Box 5
Mound, Minnesota 55364

September 1, 1977

Dear Helene:

This letter confirms our phone conversations regarding the League of Women Voters' participation in Prudential's Ladies Night, October 12 and October 13.

The theme of the program is TODAY'S WOMAN IS YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW. Besides your ERA presentation, there will be 12 other women oriented activities during the 4:45-5:50 time schedule. We expect about 500 women to attend each night.

As already stated, the dates for Ladies Night are Wednesday, October 12 and Thursday, October 13. The portion of the program involving you and Jeannette will run from 4:45-5:50. There will be two half hour sessions: the first session will run from 4:45-5:15, and the second will run from 5:20-5:50.

I understand that Jeannette Kahlenberg will be here on Wednesday, October 12 and you, Helene, will be here on Thursday, October 13. Both you and Jeannette will make a presentation on the ERA, entertain questions and have literature available. I also understand that the only fee required is for your gas mileage.

In your letter of confirmation, please let me know what kind of equipment, if any, you or Jeannette will require. We will have someone meet you at the front of the Prudential building on Highway 12. Someone will be there to meet you from 4:30 on; however, if you or Jeannette intend to come earlier, please let me know in your letter of confirmation.

I look forward to having you and Jeannette with us on Ladies Night with your important ERA information. If you wish to contact me, my number at Prudential is 374-8566.

Very truly yours,

Dani O'Reilly

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Employee Development Division

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MEMO

TO: Borg, Berkwitz, and Lucas

FROM: Herb

SUBJECT: Conference on State Legislatures

DATE: September 2, 1977

On Wednesday I received a phone call from Jean Starr at the Legislature informing me that the Conference on State Legislatures will be meeting in Minnesota on September 26 and 27. They will have a presentation on the accessibility of the legislators and the Legislature. They want a member of the League to represent the consumer's viewpoint on the panel. I informed Ms. Starr that the LWVMN would be delighted to be on the panel. She is having a letter sent from Denver to us confirming our being on the panel. This poses somewhat of a problem since the 26th is the day you would leave to do the Grand Rapids workshop, and the 27th is Grand Rapids Workshop Day. Perhaps you, Helene, would be willing to forego the Grand Rapids trip and be the League's representative on the panel. It's something that you might want to consider at the Action Committee meeting. If you feel it's necessary, I'm sure Pat would do an excellent job in representing the League so that both you, Helene, and Pam could be present at the Grand Rapids workshop.

Lucas went

ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING - September 6, 1977 - Brown, Poppleton, Berkwitz, Hall, Buffington, Llona, Phelan, Rosenblatt, Enders, Lucas - secretary.

Interim Interviews - Pat will assign and will have the material ready to go to the Action meetings on Sept. 16..

Plans for Action meeting - There needs to be some coordination of rides etc. Pat will ask Peggy to handle this and also to arrange for motel accomodations.

Shaw will be going to Moorhead and 2 metro ---Peggy should call.

Berkwitz will be going to all.

Brown - New Ulm only - has a van

Mary P. will call Peggy with the energy people's schedule

Helen will be going also - Peggy will contact her.

CMAL - The 2nd and 3rd parts of the Urban Crisis material are ready. Lois has a copy and has not yet been in contact with Jerry E. A copy will be given to Helene for her approval.

What if the local leagues don't do anything - no one has contacted Jerry yet. There was general discussion some members of the committee noted that they had noticed that the local leagues have mentioned it in there bulletins. Peggy will be asked to make special note of this as she reads the bulletins and pass the information on to Jerry.

Library study - it appears that some leagues are planning on material from the study to be available for them by spring. This is not going to be the case. Pat will write Muff and ask her to put something in the Memo about the plans that the committee has and what the time table will be so that the leagues can plan properly.

Lobbyist Training - Nov. 15 - The meeting will be in room 123 of the Capitol - 9:00 to 1:30. There was general discussion of the type of meeting.

- It will be for league members only
- Need to make the members feel that they can do the job.
- Need to inform them about the different styles of lobbying and the different needs we have in the lobbying effort

Program will be - Helene - General background and How a bill REALLY becomes a law they will have the state publication in hand.

- Slide show from convention only rewritten to dwell on the lobbying action, location of Capitol, office, aids to the lobbyist. Pat and H.H. will redo the comentary.

- Panel 4 people with various styles and offering different services to league. Suggestions - J. Lake - 1 to 1

- Discussion - small groups with leader - not program oriented - lobbying in general.

Michnay - quite and shy(different approach than convention)

Lois - working with State Departments

K. Fronek-research, lobbying as her time and family permit - different each session,

The legislative interest form is very bad and should be redone - Pat will work on this with the help of Judy R. and Pam.

We will have follow up meetings with those that are interested with the program people. These will be half day sessions in the office. General presentation by Berkwitz and Pat and then will meet with the program chairman. There will be three program areas here each day. These meetings will be in January.

Working with coalitions - Lois is concerned about the PACER coalition (welfare reform).

There was general discussion - main ideas.

- other members of the coalition need to understand why we are joining them.
- we don't have to support everything that they do.
- we should state when we are in agreement on the broad principle but differ in some of the specific proposals - like LWVUS does on some of their testimony.
- The purpose of joining a coalition is for a good exchange of ideas and to influence the action of other members of the coalition.

MOTION - A policy statement on our participation in coalitions including the grass roots nature of our organization should be developed. This should be done by Helene and Pam. Motion passed. The motion will be brought to the board.

Native American lobbying training - we will do this and there will be no charge. Pat will make the arrangements and then contact the proper person to do the training.

IR - Llona - Discussion of the possibility of a Focus on UN, Trade, Development in Jan. to help with the leagues considering these topics as a lively issue for national program. The decision is that there is not time for this to be of any value for lively issues but could be a Focus some time. Pat should use her section of the Memo to urge the members to consider these areas for national program suggestions. Pat is to contact Mary Waldo about Focus. An update could be at any of the 3 Focuses.

NR - Poppleton - Will testify in D.C. on the boundary water bill. Her way is being paid by Friends of the Boundary Waters.

Grey is Beautiful (recycle paper) has asked that we attend a luncheon to start a campaign to encourage use of recycled paper. Pam B. will go. Mary P. will contact Ruth Jensen-Chaska to see if she could go.

Deposit Legis.- Coleman has changed his position so things are looking up.

Energy workshops are organized.

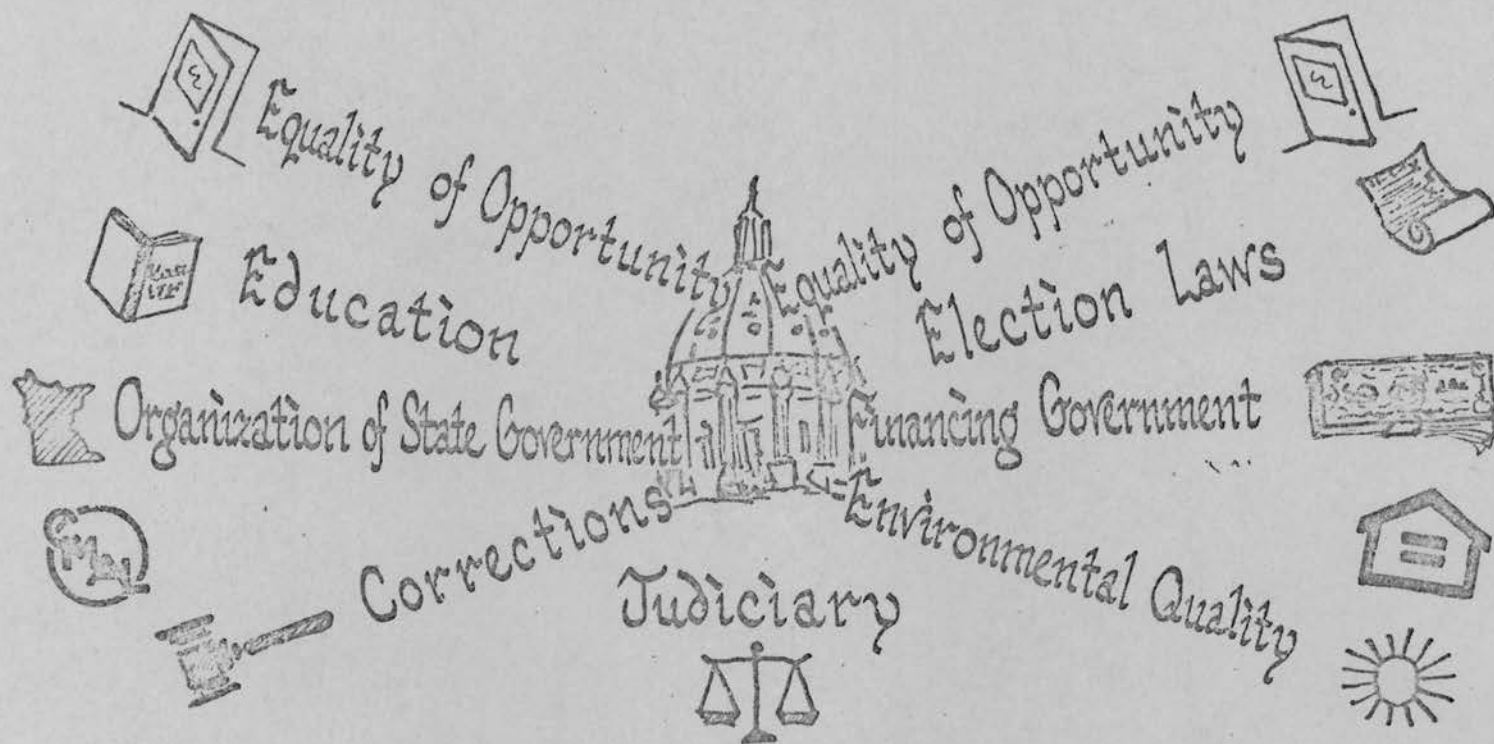
Govt. - The preliminary consensus statement is ready and will be discussed by board.

Erica and Mary Waldo will do the election judge survey and committee guide. The form will be similar to the county survey that Mary did. There is a good deal of concern on the part of local leagues about the quality and amount of training.

We seem to be off the Secretary of States mailing list - Pat will see that we get back on.

HR- Brown - Nothing to report.

The sexual preference question on the legislative questionnaire is optional.



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NOVEMBER 15, 1977 - 9:15 am - 12:15

Room 123 - State Capitol

- 9:15 - Coffee
- 9:30 - League Makes a Difference - Pam Berkwitz, Action Chair
- 10:00 - Scenes Along The Way - slide show
- 10:10 - We Do Our Own League Thing - Panel of 4 League Lobbyists
Questions
- 11:20 - Act II - Pam Berkwitz
- 11:30 - I wish I Knew What to Ask - small group discussion with
League Lobbyists - State Board
- 12:15 - See You Later

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BY - NOVEMBER 11, 1977

LEAGUE _____

We will be attending the Lobbyists Training Workshop.



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MEMO

TO: Action Committee

FROM: Pat Lucas

SUBJECT: Meeting - Partial Agenda

DATE: 9/2/77

ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING - Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1977 - 9:30 AM - state office.

Agenda will include: Planning lobbyist training workshop

Lobbyist training for Native American group - request

Working with colalitions

Sept. 27 - request for consumer reactor for a pannel at a conference on State Legislature.

H.B.

To: Action Committee
From: Pam Berkwitz
Date: October 28, 1977
Tuesday, November 1 - 9:30 a.m. - state office

ACTION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Lobbyist Training Session
Precinct Caucus Resolutions
Program VOTER
Human Resources
Education
Natural Resources
Government
Justice
Libraries Financing
Legislative Session

Please bring to this meeting the following information:

1. Precinct caucus resolutions and background material
2. Action Box information on what you have done this month
3. Legislative bills that you expect to be working on in January
4. Any editorials that you have written for WWTC; for example, open meetings, election survey, Senate vacancies, welfare, property, sales and income taxes, trade protectionism, etc.

ACTION Committee - November 1, 1977 - Berkwitz, Borg, Shaw, Poppleton, Brown, Anderson, De Santis, B. Dols, J. Enders, Burkhalter, Llona - Lucas Secretary

Lobbyist Training - Mary Poppleton and Maggie Brown will help with the mechanics of the training session.

Kahlenberg will ask that individuals interested in speaking about the ERA meet with her when we break into small groups.

The other small groups will not be program related only questions and answers about lobbying. The program sessions will be in January.

Program chairs should make every effort to be at the training session. They will be the group leaders along with the people on the panel if they can stay.

Caucus Questions - Please get them into Pam. They should go out with the November mailing. The background is important.

ERA resolution should be included in kit.

Action Box - What your committee has done - not only lobbying but other activities - conferences, coalitions etc. Please have in the office by November 3.

Voter - The March/April will be a program Voter and the Action Committee recommends that the main focus be Title 9. We need to get feedback from Leagues that are monitoring. The St. Dept. of Education seems to be more interested in seeing that Title 9 guidelines are followed.

If there is not enough information for the whole Voter on Title 9 then we could do some monitoring existing program education.

HR

Brown - read a letter to Delores Dinizio from the LWVUS re abortion fund cutoff to welfare recipients. The letter said that a decision to act should be made by the State Board. There should be clear member understanding that the issue LWV is speaking to is discrimination against the poor and not the abortion issue.

There was much discussion - What medical services are covered?

W. Nyhus - State Welfare - sterilization -over 21 yes if
competent indiv.
-under 21 if preg.
would threaten life
- abortion if threatens life of mother
- other procedures on a case by case basis with
the decision being based on medical necessity.

The Action Committee didnot resolve the issue will take it to the board.

Exoffenders - discrimination in employment for those individuals that are qualified - other qualifers in the bill. We support in principle - Take to the board and report the decision in the MEMO.

ERA necklaces - Move - Order 50 immediately so that they will be available for the lobbyist training workshop. Passed.

HF 1 - B. Dols - the legislators knew we were watching and they have really been working on the bill it is much better now. LWV watching has a real benefit even if we can't speak to the whole bill.

We need to get a copy of the bill as it now stands.

Carter's welfare - Lois will make a statement on this.

Education - there have been anumber of meetings on collective barganing.

NR

Metro Clean Air is having a conference.

Science Museum is having a conference Dec. 8,9 and 10 of water systems. Mary P. has attended a planning session and thinks that the conference will be excellent. The main emphasis will be citizen training - where water comes from - how it is used - where it goes. Action Committee approved LWVMN cosponsorship and participation. We will have national water publications available for sale at the conference.

Air Quality Standards - hearings are going to be held on the criteria for choosing locations to be designated as class 1 and also the standards that will be applied. We approve and Mary P. will be giving a written statement. Copies should be given to Pam and Helene.

Govt. - Fran Boyden will be lobbying in the financing area - is currently following SF 1507 - McCutcheon - abolishes the property tax and other things. There have only been outstate hearings on the bill. We would be opposed.

Governor has changed position on how to distribute surplus.

Legislative compensation Update will be ready for the readers soon. Karen feels that the new financing position says that we favor no increase in salary for legislators.

WWTC - Judy R. did one - These should be reviewed by Pam and Helene before they are given. Please get your editorials into Pam so that we can get some done ahead and there will be time for review by Pam and Helene.

- Uniform Election - SF350 - Schaff - General discussion - The Action Committee members present felt that we should be supporting the bill. The board had said no last spring. We will bring this to the November board meeting for reconsideration.

Urban Crisis - responses received so far are from the metro Leagues.

Plan a conference on federal funding - call it a briefing

22 - time late in Feb. - 1/2 day

- has scheduled preliminary meetings with metro and state staff that handle federal monies.
- Plans to have facts and also evaluation of programs
- San Cowel suggested as a speaker
- hopes to use metro council facilities without charge.

Action committee approved of these preliminary plans and encourage J. Enders to proceed.

IR - Focus - Trade protectionism - might also include arms control and Panama Canal it will depend on how information becomes available.

World Trade meetings in May - LWV suggested that they have one day that the public could attend for a reasonable amount of money (the meeting is very expensive). the organizers have enthusiastically supported this idea. P. Llona will be on the planning committee for this special day.

UN day - success - over 500 - a large number of students were provided scholarships by businesses, this effort is growing every year.

Global Education - AAUW - There has been nothing in the school curriculum on the subject of global concerns/interrelations since 1954. There have only been a few individual teachers that have hung in on the subject. AAUW is now working to develop a curriculum K-12.

Latin Am. women - in town on Nov. 8 - observe election process. Grace Harkness - Mpls. has been arranging many things for them. We should get some publicity out of this. P. Llona will talk to Judy M. about publicity.

NR - Sandra Garberding - PCA - wants to meet with the state board in formally and discuss things in general. She will be invited to come at noon on Nov. 9 to have lunch with the board. Mary P will handle this.

Mammengay course - Nov. 4 and 5 - Pam will be on the program.

Power politics and Health Care - meeting Jan 20th.

Please give Pam a list of bills that you will be following when the session starts. She know that the crystal ball may not be perfectly clear but please make a stab at it.

Program of Action is now in Judy Rosenblatt's hands. Some of the material has not been turned in - if your material is among the missing please get it to her.

Did your budget request include lobbying efforts? The answer was No - Pam will work out the budget of the action/lobbying efforts for all program areas.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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PHONE: (612) 224-5445

MEMO

TO: Borg, Berkwitz, DeSantis, Fronek,
Michnay, Lake

FROM: Pat Lucas

SUBJECT: Draft outline for panel

DATE: 11/4/77

These are the things that come to me at this stage. I have talked to Pam and Helene about them. If you have any ideas or organization suggestions please call me. My home phone is 484-9671 if I am not in the office.

I will think up questions that will try to cover the various items in the outline. The outline that we will give to the participants will be much briefer - I think just major headings.

Please try to think up all the stories that you can and feel free to tell them if I seem to be missing a point that you think is important.

DRAFT---- Outline of Areas to be covered by the panel at the Lobbyist Workshop

Author of the bill

Originator of the idea

legislator

state department

other group

Number of authors - importance of the authors

Political realities

long term or short term chances of passage

majority party / minority party support

Governor support/oppose

Senate and House floor

Differences

Readings

Journals

Rules

Committee of the Whole

Final Passage

Committees

Differences Senate/House

Assignment of members and chairmanships

Subcommittee or not

Joint Committees

Assignment of bills

Scheduling Hearings

Power of Chairman

Responsibility of Author

Author on committee

Committee staff - working with staff of committee and research staff

Reassignment - Appro./Finance - other.

Committee recommendation - amendment

Lobbying

Where most effective

Other individuals and groups

State Agencies - metro - governmental levels

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ACTION COMMITTEE - December 6, 1977 - Berkwitz, Phelan, Anderson, DeSantis, Burkhalter, Shaw, Enders and Head - P. Lucas secretary.

Lobbyist training - Next sessions will be Jan. 11 and 13 - 9:30 - 12:00. They will be the same sessions on both days.

Format - General session - LWV philosophy and action procedures, communication etc.
Office help and basic orientation

Divide into program areas for more specific discussion of bills and areas for action in the next session.

There will be no Action Committee Meeting on Jan. 3. We will be meeting following the lobbyist training session on Jan. 13 - 12:00 - 2:30 (or so).

We may need to have more meetings during the session to allow time for discussion of bills or issues in particular program areas.

Capitol Letter - We will set a date for the first issue in this session at the Jan. 13th meeting.

The present format is expensive and so we will try a format that is easier to produce (requires less staff time).

The copy will not be edited except for space reasons.

There was general discussion about background material that could be prepared for the Capitol Letter and also activity during the interim that should be covered.

Ramsey County LWVs - Marlene Krona called and asked permission to lobby the Ramsey Co. delegation regarding appointing of a County Executive Director as recommended in a recent study of county government. They have been contacting all local leagues and getting their approval.

Motion - Recommend to the board that the Ramsey Co. Leagues be allowed to lobby the county legislative delegation on this issue. Passed

Pam will write a memo to the board regarding this and will ask them to reply by phone or mail so that permission may be given before the Jan. board meeting

C.J. - Mueller and Nystuen will be lobbying again this session.

Plans for the Focus are coming along - Jan. 18th - Exploitation of Children is the topic. There will be three panels - problems
legal/social
how society is handling now.

Education - Are now getting a new focus for the committee - it is the hope that some of the committee will be available to lobby.

Hope the position statement will be ready for board approval in Jan.

H.R. - Welfare Coalition - Roxanne McCabe, new member in Golden Valley (from Ill.), will be helping Lois in this coalition.

Testified before the congressional hearing. Made the front page of the Mpls. paper.

Will be following - Health and Social Services bill
Human Rights Dept.
Council on Economic Status of Women

ERA - Anoka Coon Rapids - had a brunch \$5.00 and a boutique - made \$1,100. This should be mentioned in the Mini-mini-memo.

Every effort should be made to sell the ERA necklaces.

Gay Rights - Steve Enders - rumor - there is a petition drive to bring the St. Paul human rights ordinance that deals with gay rights to a referendum. He has talked to Sally Patterson. Sally Patterson has talked to a number of her board and they ~~are~~ seem supportive of the ordinance and upset by the idea of a referendum on the issue. Steve E. will be talking to the St. Paul board. Sally Patterson will keep P. Berkwitz informed.

Govt. - K. Anderson - testifying before the MN. Tax Study Commission on Dec. 7.

The legislature has not received a copy of the FSG position. There was some discussion about sending the position in total or editing out the part that indicate the areas where agreement was not reached. The committee decided to send the total statement with a covering letter that Karen will write.

Reapportionment - Citizen League called regarding 2 bills dealing with the subject. can we support them. We will have to get copies and look at the position. Karen will get some one to do this research.

McCutcheon - 1507 - Fran Boyden is following this bill there was a good article in Perspectives - Vol. 3 No. 3.

Ethics Commission - H.F. 404 - has many implications and seems to be an attack on Liz Ebbott. Need to keep following this and check into a bill that S. Keefe is working on.

Campaign Financing - There was general discussion about the present law and the status of the court case. We need more information. Martha Head will work with E. Buffington on a informational piece on this subject. It will include: what the present statute does, what the points in the court case are, and what our position supports, etc.

Uniform Election - General discussion - Martha did a pro and con summary some time ago on H.F. 350. This will be reproduced and send to the board. The authors are now talking about taking school elections out of the bill. We will consider the issue at the next Action Committee meeting on Jan. 13.

Letter to Gov. Perpich - re: his income tax proposal being similar to LWVMN position. K. Anderson says not at this time.

Buffington - Election survey going well - study on schedule.

Urban Crisis - Conference proceeding - There will be no cost to the participants.

Enders - can the committee budget be spent to pay expenses of individuals that attend the conference from outstate? The committee felt that this was a policy decision and should be brought to the Jan. State Board Meeting.

Another use of the money could be to tape the session and provide the tape to local Leagues that are unable to attend.

Enders hopes that the people that attend the conference will become the core committee for the study in the future.



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MEMO

TO: H. Borg

FROM: P. Lucas

SUBJECT: Memo to legislators and Gov.

DATE: 12/9/77

Attached is a copy of memo and letter that Karen would like to send. Do you have anything that you would like to send to the legislators?

If this is okay please call Monday.

Draft (to go on letterhead)

TO: Members of the Minnesota Legislature
FROM: Karen Anderson, Government Co-Chairperson
Re: Financing State Government Position
Date: December 12, 1977

After two years of research, study and discussion, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota (LWVMN) has recently arrived at a new position on financing state government. This position represents the attitudes of about 4,500 League members throughout the state.

The enclosed position covers major state taxes as well as some areas of state expenditures. On December 7, 1977, the LWVMN delivered testimony to the Income Tax Subcommittee of the Minnesota Tax Study Commission on the income tax portion of the position. You will note that the position supports a decrease in individual income tax rates when measures are taken to decrease state taxation.

The LWVMN will be lobbying at the Legislature in support of its financing state government position statement.

To Governor Perpich: (on letterhead, formal letter)

Same first two paragraphs plus:

We are pleased to see that your staff made a similar recommendation to the Income Tax Subcommittee on October 12, 1977. In view of the state budget surplus, we support such a recommendation.

Same third paragraph

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MEMO

TO: Board

FROM: Pam Berkwitz and Pat Lucas

SUBJECT: Letters to past, present and
future lobbyists

DATE: December 15, 1977

Personalized letters have been sent to individuals in each of these categories. Action Memo and LWVMN Board Program and Action Chairpersons were attached, and in some cases, the Legislative Interest Form was sent. You can tell exactly from copies of the letters which are attached to this memo.



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ONGOING LOBBYIST
AND
OBSERVER TRAINING

To: Lobbyists, Observers, and Local League Presidents
From: Pam Berkwitz, State Action Chair
Date: December 12, 1977

The lobbyist training workshop was held on November 15, 1977, and received favorable comments from most of the 47 Leaguers attending. That meeting was intended as a beginning for those who are interested in the Legislature and want to be a part of the League's efforts there.

We have scheduled two follow-up meetings at which we can go into more depth about lobbying and League procedures. Lobbyists and observers should try to attend one of these meetings so that we can be prepared for the opening of the Legislature on January 17th.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AND LET HARRIETT OR PAT KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING SO THAT WE CAN HAVE ENOUGH COFFEE, CHAIRS, ETC.

Wednesday, January 11

and

9:30 - 12:00

Friday, January 13

These meetings will be identical. We will talk about procedures, assistance available in the office, how to prepare for the session, etc. We will divide into program areas and talk in greater depth about the issues, the bills, and who's interested in what. Schedules for observing will be established.

After the Friday meeting the Action Committee will meet. Normally the Action Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the state office. Please free to attend any time.

Pat Lucas will be in the office to help you, and I can be reached either through the office (224-5445) or at home (920-3364).

Presidents - Please encourage any of your interested members to attend one of the sessions even if they missed the lobbyist training workshop.

Same letter sent to:

Armstrong

Bassett

Brooke

Brustman

Buzek

Creighton

Frenkel

Froehle

Gibson

Hammar

Higinbotham

Higson

Kippel

Kovel-Jarboe

Krystwiewicz

Linden

Lucas

Mattson

Shan

Simon

Spencer

Winsor

December 15, 1977

Thank you so much for attending the Lobbyist Training workshop. You have indicated that you are interested in

To complete our schedule, we have arranged an additional training and schedule-setting session. Please see the enclosed memo. Please try to attend one of these sessions so we can get organized early in the session and know that all bases are covered.

Also enclosed is a list of the State Board Resource Chairpersons and their areas of responsibility.

Sincerely,

Pam Berkwitz
Action Chair

B:M
Enclosures

(On Letterhead)

Same letter to: Aslakson, Fletcher, Carolyn Lyndal, Hanson, Elsen, Osier,
Clugg, Balcom, Larva, Wallace, Berman, Hatfield, Welch,
Burnett, Johnson, Herbert, Christenson, Tritschler, Watson

December 15, 1977

Thank you for your past efforts on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota's lobbying. We hope you will be able to join us again during the 1978 session. We will be having two training sessions in January - see the enclosed memo. Please feel free to attend one of these.

If you do not think you would benefit from these sessions but would like to be part of the "action," please fill out the enclosed Legislative interest form or call the office, 224-5445, and indicate your plans.

Also enclosed for your information is a list of the LWVMN Board Program and Action Chairpersons and their areas of responsibility.

Sincerely,

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Action Chair

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December 15, 1977

Same letter sent to: A. Berry, N. Rudin, K. Bach, M. Lowrie, J. Malik
M. L. Wheeler, R. Condon, M. Kelley, C. Peterson,
J. Bloomberg, J. Weston.

Thank you so much for attending the Lobbyist Training Workshop.

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December 15, 1977

Same letter to: Boyden, Michnay, Foley, Hastings, Fronek, Lane,
Kahlenberg, Head, Lake

Thank you for your past efforts on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota's lobbying efforts at the State Capitol. We are very pleased that you will be part of the League efforts again this session.

We have planned a training session on January 11 and 13, 1978, for lobbyists and observers. This will be designed primarily for those who are lobbying/observing for the first time. If you think that you could benefit from this session, please feel free to attend - see the enclosed memo. Or if you know anyone that you believe would like to be part of the lobbying/observing efforts, please share this information with them.

Enclosed is a list of Resource chairpersons. You may find this helpful when you are asked questions outside of your area of expertise.

If there is any help the office can give you, please call at any time. Pat Lucas, Action Clerk, will be in the office and going to the Capitol three days each week and would be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Pam Berkwitz
Action Chair

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Enclosures

December 15, 1977

Same letter sent to Amy Caucutt and S. Scribner from Rochester

Thank you so much for attending the Lobbyist Training workshop. You have indicated that you are interested in lobbying a specific group of representatives on a variety of League concerns.

Do you want to come to the capitol on a regular basis or be on call when special help is needed?

We have arranged an additional training and schedul-setting session. Please see the enclosed memo. If you think this would be helpful to you please attend. Please let the office know what your plans are and how we can best utilize your service to the League.

I am also enclosing a list of the LWVMN Resource Chairpersons and their areas of responsibility for your information.

Sincerely,

Pam Berkwitz, Action Chair

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State Government Legislative, Executive
Amending Process
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Day Care
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Housing
Food Stamps

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HUMAN RESOURCES (H.R.)

Equality of Opportunity (Sex, Race, Reli-
gion, Welfare Status, Handicapped,
Affectional Preference, Age, Criminal
Record);
Indians
Migrant Workers
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Land
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Water
Energy

(Over)

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (I.R.)
Development
Trade
United Nations (UN) - present study

Present: Berkwitz, Anderson, Poppleton, Llona, Phelan, Kahlenberg, Bayless, Armstrong, Tews. Lobbyists - Harkness, Nordling, Lake, Anderson, Boyden, Ebbott, Crampton.

Legislature - they're not ready, really just playing around.

Congressional interviews - local Leagues are doing them.

Senate - they're not set up. Boschwitz's office has said probably not until February.

Bayless will speak to V. Weber about this.

HR - Kahlenberg has been researching insurance. MN laws are not non-sexist. Inheritance laws need attention.

Hastings has been attending Round Table meetings, sponsored by Council on Economic Status of Women. It's made up of representatives of women's organizations who discuss legislation. Kahlenberg and Tews should go.

Wilson is unlikely to stay as head of Dept. of Human Rights. Gladys Brooks is head of the task force seeking the new commissioner. There are very few women on it. Kahlenberg is meeting with Wilson on 1/15 to get information on new rules before the meeting in Anoka.

ERA - Berkwitz was invited to a meeting of representatives on NOW, Women's Political Caucus, Female Employees. They talked about what to do if action to rescind started. They want to try to pull the coalition together again - quietly. On 1/15 two from each organization will meet. They will check on church groups. They want to make sure all groups are prepared.

Situation in Illinois doesn't look too good; Florida is still lacking one vote.

Rand Corp. has been commissioned by HEW to study sex bias in MN. They'll be in Minneapolis, Bloomington and Pine City.

Government - Buffington has the open meeting law drafted.

Boyden and Witta are the tax lobbyists. Boyden has drafted a letter to the legislators on our FSG positions.

Reapportionment - Common Cause will support a reapportionment commission. LWV should join a coalition on this. Only comments on the VOTER article were that they hadn't been familiar with all the background. The final bill will probably be accepted.

Election Laws - a task force is working on a recodification bill. They hope other election law legislation will wait on this.

Education - Quie's October position paper on it doesn't say much except for the two mil proposal which could lead back to disparities. Any proposals will probably take quite awhile.

Minneapolis-St. Paul magazine is doing a update on the MN miracle and interviewed Armstrong.

The Coalition of 15,000 (they grew) still has gifted education as its only common concern. The Advisory Council on the Gifted is holding a dinner meeting. Aslakson will be there, maybe Armstrong. Lake will be helping Aslakson. 1/12 there will be a gifted education meeting at the Jewish Community Center. The only thing Hughes supports in the field of gifted education is the mentor concept. Norton thinks the Council on the Gifted doesn't ask for enough money to accomplish anything.

Two other Quie positions - lower elementary class size and don't close schools.

< You all will have to fill in here.
I got hung up with Elbow Lake. >

NR - Post - NSP - closed meetings.

Mounds View - into fight against Anoka County airport expansion and wants concurrence from other area Leagues. Does this affect all metro area Leagues?

IR - LLona has a list of the negative votes on 'buy America'. She will contact them to rewrite the bill.

Focus - Proposed Foreign Policy Assn. meeting to get support for signing the SALT agreement has been postponed until April. They will cosponsor ours. Robert Will and Barb Stuhler are scheduled in.

CMAL - Questions on legislative interviews should be answered by outstate legislators also.

Metro Council changes may be put off for awhile.

CAPITOL LETTER - 9:30 on 2/6 is the tentative deadline. It could be moved forward if the legislature gets moving.

Action workshop for corporations - Toro has asked for it. We don't have anything put together. It's a CI function. Berkwitz and Herb will talk to Maher about it at Board meeting.

Meeting with Quie will be scheduled with questions on taxes, education and NR.

ADDENDUM TO ACTION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Under discussion of task force to choose Commissioner of Human Rights should be included that it is interesting to note that of the few women on the force, McIntire of the High School League is one of them.

ACTION COMMITTEE - Jan. 13, 1978 - Borg, Berkwitz, Kahlenberg, DeSantis, Brown, Phelan Dols, Berkhalter, Enders, Shaw, B. Asklakson, Buffington, Poppleton, Anderson, M. Head - Lucas secretary.

Education - Shaw - Have 4 lobbyists and 3 observers. M. Kelley and P. Linden will observe the House and R. Armstrong the Senate Education committees.

B. Asklakson will lobby the gifted bill - The governor has come out in favor. The committee to be lobbied on this one is the Finance committee.

They will be watching the Employment and Labor Management committees.

Long Range - There is a Federal Grant "842" to evaluate the school aid formula - it mandates public hearings - we will be watching this.

Will be following the competency and bilingual issues.

N.R. - Poppleton - Sally Foley will be following the can bill. The Governor is receiving cans in the mail and will now meet with the environmentalists.

We cannot support the Bordon bill and will be writing him to that effect.

Verna Higson and P. Nelson will be working in the NR area.

National - BWCA - The Fraser bill is favored by the committee chairman and will probably become the Burton bill.

What is coming up at the state level - Energy legislation - fuel allocation - cutbacks.

Mandatory vehicle emission standards

Land Use - preservation of farm land

GOVT.-Anderson - M. Head will be following Campaign Financing - this is sure to come up.

Uniform Election Day bill - there was some discussion - Anderson, Buffington, and Head will meet on this issue. May contact some local leagues outside of the metro area, those that are knowledgeable and ask how they see the implications of this bill. Will have a recommendation for the Feb. Action Committee.

C.J. - Phelan - A. Nysteen - will be following Juvenile bills including prostitution. She and safe houses.

L. Mueller will follow det. sentencing - McHutcheon's bill.

J. Court will be working in this area also.

Fran Stewart will be working in the juvenile area.

Jan Buzek will be working with Phelan also she is knowledgeable in the area especially in the area of exoffenders.

The Judiciary Comm. meet 8-10AM - this area is lacking people to help.

H.R. - Brown, Kahlenberg - Brown will be following Human Resources (unemployment), Wage, Welfare, day care, social services, housing, food stamps.

Kahlenberg will be following - Equality of opportunity (sex, race religion, welfare status, handicapped, affectional preference, age, criminal record); indians; migrant workers; ERA, Human Rights Dept.

Hall will follow Affectional preference issue

Linda Wallace - Indians - she should be notified of any bills in this area.

Shan Knox - will follow H.F. 2 - Human services

Liz Froehle will be an observer in the inheritance tax area.

There is a bill relating to divorce it would recognize the contribution of both individuals. We should see the bill.

There are a group of "home and family" bill that are expected - we should keep an eye on these.

St. Paul - petition re gay rights. They hpe to catch the promoters of the petition on a technicality. If this fails it could be on the ballot in May. We will keep in touch with St. Paul LWV.

Urban Crisis - this will be in M. Brown's portfolio.- J. Enders

The publications that are coming from National are the sam as the state pubs. that J. Enders did.

The briefing will be Feb. 22 - 9:30 - 12:00 at the Met Council.

Tom Herron - state planning - federal funding

Bill Byers - met council staff - metro federal funding - council, cities, individuals

Caren Silverman - met council staff - tracing federal monies - a how to.

ERA - \$22,000 sent in to LWVUS. In the next Board Memo we will list every league, membership, and amount contributed.

May 15th the last money is due to National.

We may need to look at some state effort to meet our pledge.

I.R. -Llona - Focus - Trade Protectionism - Feb. 15 - plans are moving along.

CMAL - Burkhalter - We will be following Elected vs appointed bills.

Senator Pillsbury has an open appointment process bill - general discussion - does it really open up the process?? - We should follow this one.

Mpls. LWV - permission of lobby for a bill changing rule of one to rule of three for the city. It is similar to the bill that Henn. Co. lobbied for last year.

Move: Mpls. be allowed to lobby for this bill. Passed.

Henn. Co. - B. Dols.

They will be observing the county delegation and following their bills. The issues that they are pushing this session are: Purchase of services - encourage hiring of handicapped - 5% variation in cost limit.

Self insurance

Codification of laws applying to Henn. Co.

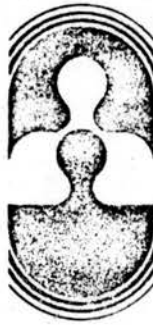
Will be sending a letter to the delegation reminding them that the committee is around and will be watching them during the session.

Capitol Letter - the deadline will be Jan. 31 - 12:00.

Pam Berkwitz and P. Lucas will work on it. It will be edited only if there is a space crunch - the max. is 8 sides.

The layout will be simpler so that the office time will be cut down and it can get in the mail faster.

The next Action Committee meeting will be Feburary 7, 1978 - 9:30 - state office.



H.B.
Xerox for
Action Committee

JAN 31 1978

Dear Public Interest Legislative Advocate,

We are writing to invite you to join us in the first in a series of weekly lunches of public interest legislative advocates. The purpose of such get-togethers would be strictly informational and we neither ask nor anticipate coalition or consensus on the various issues brought before the group.

In California and a number of other states that we are aware of, public interest lobbyists have been involved in such "lunch-clubs" for some time and they appear to be working well. While many of us are concerned with a broad range of public interest issues, the single-mindedness with which we must pursue "our own issue" has too often kept us from being informed on other issues we care about. While we are aware of more limited efforts within a specific issue area (i.e. feminists, social service, etc.), we felt a need for a more broad-range approach as well.

Feeling a need to begin somewhere, we have set a first lunch for Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1978 at noon in the Governor's Dining Room (just outside of main Capitol cafeteria). We understand that the Legislative Session is a very busy time but we hope that you will agree with us about the importance of such an effort and join us then.

Sincerely,

Steve Endean, Helping Industry Resolve Employment Disabilities (HIRED)
Jean Wagenius, DFL Feminist Caucus
Carol Lee, Sierra Club
Pam Berkwitz, League of Women Voters

P.S. If you are aware of public interest lobbyists who have somehow overlooked, please feel free to invite them that day.

ACTION COMMITTEE - Feb. 7, 1978 - Borg, Berkwitz, Poppleton, Shae, Foley, Dols, Anderson, Buffington, Kahlenberg, Hall, Phelan - Lucas Secretary.

N.R. - Deposit Legislation - Foley - Borden's bill - It is a bad bill. Do we support speaking out against it? There was general discussion about the bill and about the action that should be taken. The environment is one issue - the main one. Increasing bureaucracy is another issue in this bill.

Sally should make a basic statment about League concerns and then deal with the specifics of the bill if she is questioned. Please give a copy of the specific objections to Pam.

Lobby the committee members and get local leagues to contact their legislators.

Energy education workshops were well attended and well done.

Governor's Energy bill - retro fitting - Verna Higson is following energy and housing and she will be following this bill S.F. 1706.

There was general discussion about the bill - Mary will be working with Verna on the bill.

Phylis Nelson will be following - Agri. Land bills.

GOVT. - H.F. 1500 - U.S. Senate Vacancies - the T for A was not urgent enough next time we should be more specific - more clarity in what we want done and when.

Reducing the state income tax - not in bill form yet.

H.F. 1902 - Anderson will be watching - Kelly is the chief author and it is called the Budget Protection Fund bill - This could be what will happen to out surplus.

Anderson - H.F. 49/ S.F. 425 - Reapportionment by a Commission - 1947 position. Has been passed by the House 2 times - came from a Constitutional Study Comm. - M. Sieben was on this commission and is now carrying the bill.

The problem for us is that the legislature does not have first option to reapportion but the legislature does appoint the commission.

Citizen's League and Common Cause are supporting.

General discussion - Support with qualification - give 4 months for the legislature to act and the commission must come under the open meeting law. We want to encourage speed and fairness and keep it in the legislative domain.

Karen can act along these lines ----prepare something for the next Capitol Letter.

Buffington - Uniform Election Law - still following - general discussion -
RECOMMENDATION - don't do anything - monitor.

Status of the bill - Senate - has passed committee

House - Elec. Sub. Comm. - Reviewed bill - Chairman

Osthoff said that there would be plenty of time
for public testimony - "we have until 1980".

We may want to have Leagues look into this issue.

Concerns - would make school election more partisan
education issues would get lost

would take office in mid school year/budget year

Anderson - can't see that our position is strong enough to override objections.

Kahlenber - can I lobby against this bill for the Assoc. of Metropolitan
School Districts - NO there would be a conflict in the minds of
the legislators. Local lobbying (own legislator) is OK.

Buffington - Campaign Financing - S.F. 1006/H.F. 404 - Material was provided by
Erica (a copy is included with your Feb. 14 State Board Agenda). This
current version has many provisions that we question and/or can't support.
General discussion. - Erica will write to the Local League presidents and

explain the mixup as well as our position on the current version. She will also inform the legislators that we do not support the current version and why.

P. Berkwitz - Liz Ebbott called and is concerned about H.F. 404. These concerns were passed on to Erica and she will talk to M. Head about them. Liz also questioned the advisability of having Head testify for League since she is well known as a Republican. The committee did not feel that this was a problem. However Pam will try to give that general testimony on Feb. 9 with Martha there to answer specific questions.

Buffington - S.F. - 1630 - Safe guards - voter registration and absentee ballots -
S. Keefe - Provisions - anyone who vouches for someone on election day must have been preregistered.

There must be a random sample of election day registrants done to see if there is fraud.

Mandates election judge training

General discussion - Can we support - YES

Education - Shaw - Gifted bill is an active area - F. Norton will not hear - a limited Time for Action to Leaguers in his district is being considered. Norton says this bill has a "low priority for funding".

Declining enrollment bill - 3 year averaging of enrollment - no hearings are scheduled.

H.R. - Kahlenberg - Widows Inheritance, Vanesek. General discussion - Kelly favors this bill. The F.S.G. doesn't say anything specifically about inheritance. The amount of decrease in revenue is not important in the long run.

Divorce Reform law - complex - will be watching.

Discrimination / Criminal records - copy of the bill was given to Pam and Betty - will follow this bill. Who is responsible Brown or Kahlenberg?

Welfare funds for abortion - hearing Thursday - will follow.

Request to follow family planning issue - not a discrimination issue - will not follow.

H.F. 1951 - Day Care - sliding fee schedule - will ask K. Fronek to look into this and advise M. Brown.

C.J. - Det. Sentencing conference committee met to 10 minutes on the 7th and will meet again no day or time set.

H.F. 1949 - Change way to appoint Judges - seems to fit with our position exactly. will get a copy of the bill and support it.

Juvenile detention - Arlene will look at the bill and advise.

CAPITOL LETTER - format is OK - readable. The dates for the legislature are now -
March 3 - last hearing in house of origin - March 10 other body - March 15
conference committee reports - Adjourn March 17.

Next Capitol Letter will be Feb 23 - 10:00 AM Deadline.

ERA - Send the remaining money to national - April deadline
State fund raiser ???? - Will discuss at board
South Carolina is voting today.
Boycott is working

Henn. County - B. Dols - Have the commissioners and staff been making their decisions in an open forum? It appears that they have not. Barb questioned this at a

recent meeting and seems to have ruffled a few feathers. Assigning space and following the county board's leasing property policy was the main area that was questioned.

Barb also expressed concern over the openness in the development of the budget and the legislative package.

There was general discussion - Barb should continue to question - this is appropriate League activity.

These minutes have not been approved by Pam Berkwitz - P. Lucas

ACTION COMMITTEE

3/7/78

Berkwitz, Buffington, Brown, Anderson, Poppleton, Enders, Dols, Burkhalter, Shaw, Reeves, Kahlenberg.

The session may end about on time. Lucas suggested a noon 3/23 deadline for Capitol Letter, but it was agreed that noon 3/27 would be easier, especially if the legislature doesn't adjourn right on time. It will be a wrap-up issue.

HR - child care sliding scale bill. There's an argument about the % cut off. We will probably just observe. Metro and rural disagreement on the cut off. Metro area wants to go with 90%.

Title XX information was given to Brown. It deals with allocations. There is no action on any of the other eight bills in this area.

Voters Guide - Waldo wants questions from everyone.

Insurance (sex discrimination in), the Wynia bill, is out of committee. It has been amended to allow a difference in rates. The bill applies to rates and availability - disability for homemakers, for instance. It would provide a six year setback to provide better rates for women. Support? Under what position? Will not support.

Inheritance tax - no hearing. The court decision will solve some of the problems addressed in the bill.

Affirmative action in state government - passed out of committee. It's a complicated bill. No decision on support.

NOW efforts and money all going into extending ERA ratification time.

I had to talk to Fergus Falls

Government - both sides annoyed with LWV on campaign finance bill. Uniform election - it dies, but is back up and out as an amendment on filing for a vacancy. It's on the floor today. If it passes the Senate, it will go to conference committee. As it stands, it won't go into effect until after 1980.

Keefe's congressional disclosure bill is out of committee. Economic interests disclosure for Hennepin county attorney could be supported.

Action box deadline - 3/10.

FSG - Anderson gave testimony. We support lower income tax rates (governor's proposal) not exemptions or deductions. McCutcheon proposal gives bigger cut than governor's but most is through personal credits, homemaker credit, etc. They have already had testimony in support of the homemaker credit. They tried to pass it too fast. Hughes had to ask them to hold off. There seems to be no opposition. It could correct inequity of a higher tax rate if just one is wage earner. We could support some of the McCutcheon proposals as they correct inequities. Homemaker is not across the board - have to have a child under 12.

We really can't support the homemaker or other credits. We can support across the board rate decreases. There will be a tax cut for sure, in some form. The opposition to a rate cut is that it offers just a \$50 maximum deduction, and that doesn't sound like much in an election year. But at least it benefits everyone.

NR - the Borden bill was tacked onto a lake restoration bill. Luther tacked it on to his. Pressure should be put on Ogdahl and Humphrey. Luther is making some changes on his - lower deposit, etc.

Omnibus energy bill - no testimony except on an agency provision dealing with confidentiality. There are two bills, entirely different and not much left in either. Setting state standards on insulation is about all that's left.

Benedict bill - allowing IRA fund for down payment on a house is whizzing through. LWV supports.

Interested in Willet bill for citizen advisory committee for DNR.

Lifeline bill - fix rate of utility depending on need of person. PSC likes it, staff doesn't. LWV and staff object to no definite statement on who gets what. 500 kilos is too high for break. We have not spoken to it - need more information.

Jeanne Crampton - state NR person from Florida now in St. Louis Park. Will contact and try to get her involved.

Sikorski bill - asks completed hazardous waste site study by PCA before any more site selection. Metro Council is in the midst of their solid waste study. The rush seems to stem from the possible danger of losing federal funding. We have no position on where. We favor citizen participation, land use planning, etc. We'll let it alone for now.

Education - school aids appropriation bill in House includes 4-year averaging. The Senate bill insures stability of the grandfather levy. Both are in committee. Appropriations for the gifted not going anywhere.

IR - focus on trade very successful, good PR. The legislature is rushing through buy American legislation. We should be on record as opposed.

Cities - publication on urban connections with our positions will not try to cover everything.

Urban development fund - a formula that shows urban areas need most funding. Legislative interim committee will study a formula to apply to the entire state. The League study needs more direction from national; it's a difficult item.

CMAL will survey 8 or 10 areas and how they rate on a "crisis scale". Information for this is readily available.

CMAL supports the study of metro government. It has passed to the finance committee.

Hennepin County - April meeting will focus on new aspects in juvenile justice. They are concentrating on the justice system this year.

St. Paul LWV is joining the coalition against the repeal of the gay rights section of the human rights ordinance.

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MEMO

TO: Action Committee

FROM: Pam Berkwitz, Chair

SUBJECT: Action Committee Meeting

DATE: March 29, 1978

9:30 a.m. - Tuesday - April 4, 1978 - state office

AGENDA

Council Action Report
Human Resources
Criminal Justice
Education
Government
Natural Resources
Urban Crisis
International Relations



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To: Lobbyists, Observers, Program Chairs
 From: Pam Berkwitz, Action Chair
 Re: League Legislative Efforts in 1978
 Date: March 29, 1978

Thanks to all of you who helped this year at the Capitol. It was a relatively short session, and certain areas were very busy while others were hardly mentioned. Having a short session under my belt makes me anxious and more confident to face next year's major session. I hope you enjoyed your work. Your help was certainly appreciated. Thanks again!

As we all "relax" after the session, I am interested in your reactions about League's effectiveness this year and in general. I don't know if we need to change some things or not, but I want to know how you feel. Please give some time and thought to these questions. I plan to discuss some of them at some point at an Action Committee meeting.

Name (optional): _____

1. Are you a lobbyist _____, observer _____, or program chair? _____
2. Are you new this year _____, or have you done this before? _____
 How long? _____
 Have you done anything else before? _____ What? _____
3. Were you called upon to lobby _____ or observe _____ this year?
4. Did you: lobby individual legislators? _____
 talk to authors of bills? _____
 talk to staff? _____
 work with other groups? _____
 write testimony? _____
 testify? _____
 gather information? _____
 other? what? _____
5. How much time did you spend on League legislative work each week, _____
 The whole session? _____

(Over)

6. Did you have more time to give, _____, about right amount, _____, not enough time _____?
7. Were you lobbying a whole program area, _____, several issues _____, or just one issue? _____
8. Would you prefer a whole area? _____, several issues, _____, or just one issue? _____
9. Were you observing one committee regularly, _____, occasionally _____, or several committees? _____
10. Could you have done more if needed _____?
11. Were the lobbyist training sessions adequate? _____ or not adequate? _____
 - a. Why or why not?
 - b. What else would have been helpful?
12. Did you receive enough help and direction from your Program chair? _____ Action chair? _____, and office? _____
13. What else would have helped you be more effective?
14. What was the most difficult thing about lobbying or observing?
15. What was the most satisfying part?
16. Do you think League is effective at the Capitol?
17. How could we be more effective?
 - a) Under current budget restrictions -
 - b) "Pie in the Sky" -

(More)

c) Other

18. Any other comments are very welcome.

Please bring this to the April 4th Action Committee meeting or mail it in to the office as soon as possible.

Thanks again for your help this year. I certainly hope you plan to help us "ACT" next year. We need you!

ACTION COMMITTEE - April 4, 1978 - Berkwitz, Poppleton, Buffington, Brown, Enders, Burkhalter, Asklakson, Hastings Boyden - Lucas secretary.

Questionnaire - There was general discussion. Issues raised/points discussed.

- We should get involved in writing bills not just working with ones after they are written.
- We should be lobbying the staff at the Capitol - they seem to have a great influence.
- The Governor's staff has no idea of LWV positions. We should find out who his staff people are in various areas and inform them.
- Flexi-time and shared time jobs will be an issue and we should get in on the ground floor.
- Taxes - Boyden - it is hard to judge impact we had. We gave testimony rather than lobby individuals. Some general effect. Others picked up on things that we said. We didn't get what we wanted.
- Pam - We had a small number of people up there that were not program chairs. We just didn't have enough people up there. We should make better use of our resource committees.
- Local Leagues should take the Program for Action to their legislators and make sure that they are aware of where we stand.

Council Action Report - Pam Berkwitz will give a summary

Betty Shaw - school aids - including gifted bill

Erica Buffington - Uniform Election Day - it will be coming up again next session - how do we stand??

There would be time at lunch following this session to discuss the issue with delegates.

Enders - The urban development fund will be discussed during the interim - will follow it.

At the delegate training session at Council the metro leagues could organize to lobby at the National Convention re Urban Crisis study.

Poppleton - Striking women bank employees - Willmar - We should endorse efforts as the state league. General discussion.

-We should try to get a representative from the striking women to speak to Council.

-We could take up a free will offering for their cause at Council.

-MOTION - LWVMN supports the efforts of the striking women bank employees in Willmar, Minnesota. 7 in favor (all of the board members present)

- Mary P. will contact Helene and try to get a quorum of the State Board to support this motion so that it can be offered at Council

**Since this meeting Borg, Reeves and Cushing have also approved this motion. Mary Poppleton is going to Washington so Pam will contact J. Kahlenberg to take over organizing this.

Maggie Brown - hearing re allocation of Title XX funds - change of formula - we should get the fules - check with B. Dols discuss and see if we should testify or present written material.

Shaw - Title IX - Sex bias committee still looking into this.

Some leagues are monitoring - those that are doing this are having an impact.

MEA is interested - NOW is active in the area.

Buffington - Uniform Election Day will return next session.

Election Survey - draft has been sent to the committee members. 36 local leagues responded.

Poppleton - Life line electric rate - The legislature directed the utilities to formulate a rate schedule. This was done inspite of the fact that the bill did not pass and the PSC staff recommended against it. We should look into the issue - check with Calif. where they have this rate and Wis. where a study has been done.

BWCA bill out of markup - good bill - the Burton/Vento compromise is good.
Mary may go to D.C. to lobby the bill - Friends of the Boundry Waters will send her.

Nye said that there ~~are many alternative logging sites~~ are many alternative logging sites - there will be some relocation of loggers

Enders - Still no outstate response re Urban Crisis - they are either handling it okay or ignoring it.

Llona - May 23-25 - World Trade Week - I will buy 200 National LWV publications to be distributed there.

\$600 of money paid to speakers at the Focus has been sent back to the Ed Fund as unrestricted money.

Capitol Letter - Who is the audience? Time vs editing. Condition of copy. We need to look at this again before we start another legislative session.

Gay Rights - Fund raiser at Hunt's Sun. April 9th. April 19 rally of Coalition - 7PM. March to the Capitol. Literature drop - will want help from metro area LWV's. Election, April 25.

Property Tax - McCutcheon will continue to persue. Follow outstate hearings. Follow tax study commission,too. Send interim information to Fran Boyden.

N.S.P. - Lou Crane, NSP lobbyist, wants to meet with LWV lobbyists re mutual program.

Xerox from Waldo, Pam, Cushing - orig. for HB

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

BROOKLYN PARK, MINNESOTA

APR 19 1978

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
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Attn: Pam Berkwitz

Re: Political Accountability Ratings

Dear Pam

The Brooklyn Park board met and discussed the Political Accountability Ratings at our March meeting. Since we will not be sending a delegate to the national convention this year, we hope a letter to you will provide input on this issue.

Two basic thoughts emerged concerning PAR. First, that using a percentage figure may tend to preclude an analysis issue by issue of the Congressman's record. A rating is too convenient a method for the media to use and could be easily construed as an endorsement of that M.C. by the public.

Second, the Political Accountability Schedule should only go to League members; it would not be for publication. Of deep concern to the board was the implication that our non-partisan reputation might be impaired as generally the higher ratings go to the more liberal members of Congress.

Sincerely

Marty Doyle
Marty Doyle
President

Minutes - Action Committee - October 3, 1978

Present: Kahlenberg, Phelan, Hall, Berkwitz, Burkhalter, Armstrong, Anderson, Enders

Action Clerk - Responsibilities/job description: former description is good, but some priorities need to be set. More action - less clerk. The qualifications as listed are needed.

Responsibilities: Follow progress of bills.
Inform Program people when bills are introduced (introduction slips).
New lobbyists need help.
Compile voting records (?).
Scheduling for lobbyists at their request.
Capitol Letter.
Will not observe committees on regular basis but can fill in.
Should work on a full, part-time basis during session - 20-hour week - one day a week otherwise; no vacation during session.
Salary should fit into office pay schedule.

Program people should prioritize bills when introduction slip is received from the clerk. Action chair needs to know what Program people are receiving.
For copies of bills, chairs usually pick up their own.
- This would be a low priority for the clerk.

Meeting notices (of legislative committees) can be kept track of by the Program people. As much advance notice as possible is desirable - secretary of the Committee can be helpful here.

New Lobbyists need more help. Program people should give help to their own lobbyists after the training session. The best training is just to follow around an experienced lobbyist. Do this early in the session.

Voting records - a time-consuming task, but Program people and lobbyists should have it. How choose the bills for the record? Is a PAR valuable? Worth the time and effort? Money? Some felt it was of no particular aid to the lobbyists or action committee.

It was suggested that we don't lobby as much as testify, and this is not as effective. Pressure from local League presidents can be effective, but unless issue is simplistic, many presidents feel unsure. The lobbyist can present the reasons and arguments. Local League presidents need only say vote yes/no.

Lobbyists generally handle too many issues - diminishes their effectiveness. If they handle just one issue, they can do more one to one.

The training and follow-up of lobbyists is a top priority.

Some potential lobbyists were not used the last time - usually because of a time problem. Let everyone know these people are available at a certain time - maybe they could "float."

A form needs to be developed - what bills have been introduced, who is following what, etc. Staff and Action chair need this kind of information. This form could include request for staff time rather than the blue form.

Nominating committee should have some of this information re Program chair's responsibility for lobbyists.

- Staff and chair should attend all action-oriented committee meetings.

Capitol Letter - is a mutual effort of clerk and chair.

- Clerk edits, does layout. It is the chair's prime responsibility.

It needs wider distribution in and out of League. Is it costing more than it's worth?

Include costs of increased distribution, i.e., one copy to each local League president, in budget request. It should have more promotion.

- Clerk does not write statements.
- The clerk is currently doing work for the survey service at her regular pay (we receive \$10 per hour.) This is a low priority.
- High priority - that she be available to help all lobbyists on request.
- The clerk provides the continuity, needs an over-all view.

Coalition of Common Cause, Jr. League, AAUW and League want to hire a lobbyist. They want to take one specific bill, perhaps on the gifted, and see how far they can go in support as a group. This is to justify money for a lobbyist. They are looking for all ways to work together.

HR - Issues in athletics has received a setback because of equal sex question that has been raised. Separate is not equal.

If the Human Rights Department would underwrite the handbook on athletics, it could be published and sold for cost.

Kahlenberg is chair of the coalition to monitor sex discrimination in schools. At least some of this group now proposes to monitor not just athletics but curriculum and employment.

Under our plan, the Leagues could move into those areas later if interested.

The athletics section is ready - others are just organizing. The proposal may be no real problem for us.

Still at question - do we join the coalition? Action committee recommendation is that we do.

Will send Anderson a nightletter urging he be present for ERA vote.

Education - committee meeting 10/18 at 9:30. They will get organized, anticipate legislation, discuss Focus topic. There is money for outstate committee members.

Fridley has had offer from community education for meeting space and office space - free. Some local Board members seem to see something amiss about it. Armstrong was confirmed in assuring them it was a great idea.

Program-making - at next meeting toss around lively issues. Each area have 1-2 issues.
Next meeting - 11/7

Government - no reply on the McCutcheon letter. Committee meeting 10/23 at 9:30.
Anyone welcome.

Buffington - has rough draft on D.C. ready for local Leagues. She is looking for authors and allies.

Criminal Justice - VOTER material being pulled together. Following a number of workshops on the subject.

U.C. - Consensus is just asking what shall we do - nothing is defined. There is nothing on structures. There isn't proper instruction or definition of questions. Help from state is needed.

CMAL - Hopes their material fits in with UC study.

Workshop - distribute flyers to committees.

Berkwitz would like to cut out Soc.-psych. section and rely just on pol. sci. If we're going to use a media person, where from? Would a good PR person work just as well?

LWVMN 7/27/78

To: Action committee, 8/3/78

From: Karen Anderson

Re: Background - Initiative/Referendum Issue (Herein referred to as I/R)

Problem: Is there a LWV position which supports or opposes I/R?

Do we wish to lobby on I/R legislative proposals?

Do we wish to have a Focus ~~on~~ presenting both sides of I/R issue?

Current Legislative proposals:

National: Abourezk proposal for a Voter Initiative Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

MN: Benedict proposal for initiative and referendum amendment to MN Constitution.

LWVUS position: LWVUS is not supporting Abourezk amendment (but not actively opposing it) because: 1. the complexity of national issues are too great (eg. energy issues) to be decided by yes/no votes. 2. the particular piece of legislation (Abourezk's) does not require a large enough percentage of petitioners signatures (3% of those who voted in the last Presidential election and a distribution of 3% in each of at least 10 states).

State LWV's position: our decision on specific state I/R proposals is independent of that of LWVUS. Some other state LWV's have positions; more information on which states and what positions is forthcoming from LWVUS.

BACKGROUND

Definitions:

INITIATIVE: a new proposal for a law or constitutional amendment can be put on the ballot via a petition signed by a specified number (or percentage) of voters and then voted up or down..

~~22 states and D.C.~~

REFERENDUM: a vote by the people on a bill already passed by the legislative body. There are 2 kinds of referendum, the obligatory (municipalities have this sort of vote for bond issues), and the facultative (a citizen veto of legislative action, such as the St. Paul repeal of gay rights legislation).

RECALL: allows voters to remove an elected official

History: 22 states and D.C. now have some form of I/R. The popularity surge for I/R in the U.S. followed the Populist political surge in the early 1900's; some form of I/R was adopted by 19 states between 1898 and 1920. The present populist trend has hatched I/R proposals in many other states.

In MN, I/R received legislative approval in 1913 and 1915, however voters in the 1914 and 1916 general elections failed to ratify the amendment. Since then, similar bills have been introduced but not seriously pushed. The 1972 MN Constitutional Commission reviewed proposals for I/R but did not recommend their adoption. Several MN legislators have voiced support for an I/R amendment in the next session. The most specific proposal, from Senator Benedict, calls for statewide I/R requiring 5% of the voters in the last gubernatorial election to put a proposal on the ballot (62,638 using 1974 totals) and 8% for a proposed constitutional change. This bill also calls for: an I/R measure would be submitted 120 days before the general election; fraud would be prevented by requiring affidavits from petition gatherers, and an office would be set up by the legislature to properly draft I/R proposals.

The most common arguments about I/R:

PROS

1. is the most basic form of "direct democracy"; adds another "check and balance" to the system; complements, rather than undermines the Republican form of gov't. (as determined by U.S. Supreme Court 1911 decision.
2. Special interest groups now greatly influence legislators; it would be much harder to influence all voters. our media system has shown it is responsible in informing and educating people.
3. the threat of initiative forces legislators to deal with some tough issues they now ignore.
4. contribution disclosure limits could be included in I/R amendment; if not, voters would be aware of media blitzes and would vote accordingly.

CONS

1. Undermines our republican (representative form of government.
2. special interest groups would dominate direct legislation
3. takes legislators off the hook on tough issues.
4. there are presently no contribution limits imposed by law on influencing the outcome of a referendum (as there are on candidates). In fact, the U.S. Supreme Court reached a 5-4 decision in 1978 permitting corporations to spend corporate money to influence the outcome of referendum issues.

PROS

5. The need for a large number of petition signatures insures that issues will be those of broad public concern.
6. Does not create excessively long ballots. (statistics support this claim)
7. Even legislators make mistakes; I/R provides citizens with the opportunity of rectifying those mistakes.
8. True democracy must rest on the fundamental belief that the people are sufficiently intelligent, discerning and capable to govern themselves.
9. legislators now vote on short statements and are seldom familiar with the total content of a bill.
10. even emotional issues need to be faced; we need to "shake things up".
11. Any legislation passed by I/R is subject to same court-imposed scrutiny as laws passed by legislators.
12. Other "pros":
 - Surveys and polls, both national and in MN, show citizen support for I/R.
 - I/R combats citizen alienation and increases voter participation by allowing for direct citizen participation in lawmaking.
 - allows citizens to act directly on politically "sticky" issues (e.g. beverage container deposits).
 - follows historical trend toward greater citizen participation in gov't.
 - it has worked for other states.

CONS

5. I/R promotes frivolous or unsound legislation.
6. Creates excessively long ballots. (Statistics support this claim)
7. I/R is a slur on the competence of of state legislators.
8. The voters are not well enough informed on the issues to vote intelligently.
9. I/R proposals on a ballot are ~~next~~ usually condensed statements -- voters do not know exactly what they're voting on.
10. I/R would stimulate the rise of "hate and fear" issues.
11. I/R allows citizens to pass laws contrary to the Constitution.
12. Other "cons":
 - I/R does not allow for compromises on issues or amendments to laws as in the regular legislative process which allows for hearings from ~~xx~~ majority and minority points of view.
 - "those who want to give citizens more influence should support legislative openness and accessibility; they should not short-circuit representative government". (Mpls. Trib. editorial).
 - it has been disastrous for other states.

WHO STANDS WHERE ON THE I/R ISSUE?

FOR

MN proposal

MPIRG
Perpich
Quie
Sen. Benedict

AGAINST

MN AFL-CIO
Mpls. Tribune
Sen. Coleman and Davies
Rep. Sabo

National proposal:

Senators abourezk and Hatfield
Reps. Jones, Fauntroy, Moffett
and Harrington
Ralph Nader
Robert Redford

LWVUS

Recommendation to LWVMN Action Committee:

This issue is too complex for LWV to have a simple Yes/No position on I/R/. We need to look at specific proposals as they arise and decide accordingly. I/R is not one of the priorities for government action this year; if the Board would like it to be a priority, we will have to concentrate less on election laws, tax issues, and other government issues. Let's proceed with a Focus to inform the public of what an "un-simple" issue this is!

K. Anderson

ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING - September 2, 1978 - Berkwitz, Poppleton, Buffington, *Anderson*, Armstrong, Aslakson, Tews, Burkhalter, Llona, Kahlenberg, Phelan, Marecek, Rosenblatt - Lucas, Secretary

Legislative Interviews: Are the legislative interviews of value? Are they used? There was general discussion; the members of the committee felt that they were valuable to the lobbyists and that they should be done again this year. Particularly good for the local Leagues to have had the contact with the legislators.

In the past, we have had a note on the questionnaire response form indicating that the material was not for publication - why was this put on the form? There was general discussion, and the consensus of the committee was that we will not put this notification on this form this year and will indicate to the legislators possible uses that might be made of the material, such as local League bulletins, Minnesota VOTER, Capitol Letters, etc. The questions for the legislative interviews will be due at the September Board meeting.

Interview with Dave Roe - Ruth and Helene talked to Dave Roe. He was surprised over how many things LWV and he agree on. Helene suggested that we let Roe know if we are on the same side of an issue. Roe was interested in Hotline.

Helene is going to be in the WCCO Studio for the program, "Nobody Ever Asked Me" as a community resource person. She would like people to call in with questions pertaining to LWV Program.

Action Box material is now due.

Workshop - November 18: Possible groups that we should inform about the workshop by direct mailing: West Hennepin Human Services, STEP, Jr. League, AAUW, WHEAL, MN Council for the Gifted, Indian groups, AARP, Governor's Office of Volunteer Services, unions, particularly women's unions, and PTA groups - were groups that were mentioned by the committee.

Tentative time planned for the workshop will be in the morning - psychology of lobbying, 1 hour, panel 1½ hours; in the afternoon - division into groups and having different kinds of lobbyists.

There will be a follow-up program for League lobbyists.

Charge for the workshop will be different for League and non-League participants.

Concurrence Guidelines: Minneapolis is asking concurrence on family violence. Hennepin County is going along on the study. Jayne Marecek, Hennepin County, said that the delegates at their last meeting resolved to poll themselves in January regarding their local League's concurrence or non-concurrence with the Minneapolis League's position.

Various Leagues will approach this study in different ways. Suggested options and alternatives for covering the topic have been given to the Leagues in Hennepin County. The consensus statement is a very general statement. Specific issues will need amplification. Specific action may be a problem. There was general discussion regarding the study and concurrence with the Minneapolis position. Jayne Marecek is to give Pam a copy of the materials Hennepin County is using.

Joan Higginbotham should be contacted for a possible VOTER article so that this topic could be distributed to the larger membership of LWV. The state Board should discuss this at their next meeting. There was general discussion. There was a motion that family violence material should be in a state VOTER. This motion passed.

Government: Open meetings, open records. Abbie Corson of the Human Rights Commission, Bloomington - the Human Rights Commission will help the state process complaints. The complaints have been ^{given} emergency classification which makes them a not-public records. In Bloomington, the Human Rights Commission is trying to get a blanket emergency classification for all materials and ~~are~~ are now holding closed meetings.

There was general discussion of protection of individuals' privacy and the right of the public to know what business is being conducted. Several suggestions for action were offered: a letter to the Human Rights Commission indicating LWV's strong support for the Open Meeting Law; ask the Attorney General for an opinion about their proposed blanket emergency classification; and letters-to-the-editor expressing our support for the Open Meeting Law.

- Karen has answered McCutcheon's request for our comment on his tax reform bill. This reply is now being reviewed by the Board and will be sent as soon as it has been approved.

Billie Franey of Common Cause has been working ^{for Common Cause on} with the apportionment/reapportionment issue at the Capitol. It appears that the view of Common Cause on this issue has changed, and there is some question as to the action she will be taking in the future. The present legislative proposals that are now being discussed do not fit the LWVMN position entirely, and it ^{is suggested that} ~~would be asked if~~ we could observe the action on these proposals until the legislative reapportionment update is ready for the November VOTER. Discussion of the questions involved in reapportionment and the proposals that are now being discussed is good, and many issues are being raised and considered. The mechanism for reapportionment needs to be set during this legislative session so that wheels can be put in motion to accomplish reapportionment following the 1980 census.

Criminal Justice: Nothing to report at this time. Update material is now being edited. The publishing vehicle has not been decided at this time. There is no funding for a special publication available at this time. Possible use of the VOTER will be decided at a later date.

Human Resources: Abortion funding issue - Helene responded to Sally Fisher's letter. It is not necessary for all Board members to respond to the copies that they received. Jeannette Kahlenberg has also talked with a number of other Leagues and individuals that have raised concern regarding the LWVUS and LWVMN stand on this issue.

Jeannette Kahlenberg - Workshop on Equality of Women in Athletics will be October 17th. The guidelines that the Human Rights Department now have do not have the force of law. It is possible that these guideline could become reules and regulations through the public hearing process. The workshop will deal with the law as it is at the present time.

NOW will have a workshop September 23 - women in athletics. We should have someone at the workshop sessions to get out information about our workshop in October.

State Fair Rally, Saturday, August 26 - There were about 100 people in the parade and at the rally. Channel 9 gave good coverage. Although the rules were discussed with the Fair officials prior to the time of the parade and rally, they were changed by the Fair officials at the last minute as a result of pressure from anti-ERA individuals. There was general discussion in the committee regarding the day and action that we might take to insure a more successful rally and better participation should we undertake this project next year. Suggestions were to have more lead time; to anticipate some of the problems; place notices around the Fair giving information about the rally and parade; and make sure that the information is available at the information booth at the State Fair. We will write a letter to Fair officials expressing appreciation for the opportunity to hold the rally and participate in the parade. This letter will be framed in as positive a tone as possible.

We bought 150 sashes at 70¢ a piece and were not allowed to sell them, and so we lost money here. The sound system we rented cost \$31. Jeannette will write a letter asking for \$1 from those individuals that received a sash at the parade and an additional donation if they choose to make one.

Displaced Homemakers - more funding will be necessary during the next legislative session. Pam and Nina Rothchild have been in communication about legislative proposals. Information on this subject will be put in the next VOTER.

Natural Resources - Metro Clean Air and LWVMN will co-sponsor a conference on September 28th.

Energy - The MN Energy Agency and LWV representatives will discuss district heating. This discussion will take place at the state office.

Education - Gifted Education: Current legislation proposed gives \$25 per student - maximum of 5% of the school district's population - for gifted education. The total funding of the bill will be 1.5 million dollars.

The legislators don't seem to understand what the gifted student is. They seem to confuse the exceptional student with gifted students. There is currently a large amount of money being spent on special education for the exceptional children. These children have high emotional appeal. It is necessary to inform the legislators about the lack of programs for the gifted student.

Barb is currently is trying to get a coalition together to support this legislation. We have pinpointed some of the bottlenecks and are trying to put pressure on individual legislators through constituents in their home districts.

Desegregation limits - the Minneapolis LWV supports changing these limits so Ruth did not write a letter expressing our concern over raising the limits of minority population in the schools.

State ERA - There was a meeting to talk politics of the issue. The LWVMN feels that it is premature to undertake a state bill in this area.

D.C. Representation - Constitutional amendments - We should find someone to introduce a bill and get a coalition together that will work hard to secure passage in Minnesota. We should get material from National and make sure that information is provided to the public that is correct.

WWTC has changed the format of their program. They are now considered public service announcements, and we should continue to provide informational material to be aired on this station.

IR - Arline Brown of Mankato has been working on a Trade Conference that will be held October 11. The Chamber of Commerce and the LWV will co-sponsor this conference. We should send membership material to be available for individuals that participate. Jean Reeves should be contacted about providing the material.

There will be a preview conference in Washington. The subject will be a conference on *Science* and technology to be held in 1979. LWVUS UN's representative is going. Pat will not be going. It does not appear that there are any women on the program at the present time.

UN Tea - Thursday, September 3. *Ms. Dodge* ~~Ms. Dodge~~ of Macalester College will be speaking.

The UN Rally will be October 27th. LWVUS' Observer will be here for this Rally. There was general discussion of the possibility of holding a reception or some other event to give members an opportunity to meet our UN observer. No decision was reached.

World Trade Day was a success, and planning has already begun for next year.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA



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MEMO

TO: Action Committee

FROM: Pam Berkwitz

SUBJECT: Lively Issues Material

DATE: October 5, 1978

At the next Action Committee meeting, we will brainstorm and discuss possible "lively issues" for state Program-making (which will be done after January). Our deadline for the VOTER is that day. Please think about new possibilities in your portfolios and also any things that are no longer relevant.

Be prepared to finish writing those suggestions that day so Judy can have them quickly.

10/30/78

Borg, Buffington, Burkhalter, Poppleton, Armstrong, Llona, Rosenblatt, Kahlenberg, Thompson.

Information for Action Box due the same time as VOTER material.

11/18 workshop will cover PR, Coalitions, how League lobbies. Borg will fill in around this. No one had anything else to include.

11/30, 12/1 are the dates for the follow-up meetings with lobbyists.

Question of how to get lobbyists was raised. Some will appear at the workshop. Contact local Leagues for interested people. There should be a form for indicating area of interest at the workshop.

Lively Issues - each write on your own area for the VOTER. Deadline - 11/6. If no new items to promote, look into need for updates/action.

Anderson has included mention of initiative and referendum in her article.

Apportionment - would like to see position on appointed commission. Our support has been on shaky ground. The Convention could change the position by deleting the line on the legislature doing it. Another option is to include an article on how to handle it. Anderson's article shows clearly that the legislature shouldn't and won't do it. The national position could be used. It doesn't specify who does it. Wording can be dropped at Convention.

Campaign Financing - Ebbott feels we should look at the whole area and law as it now stands. Buffington will be in touch with her about an article.

Family Violence - will have to have the majority of the Leagues concur to act state-wide. Many Leagues are looking to local action. They need a deadline for concurrence. If there is concurrence, then it should be adopted as part of state Program.

Housing - position is not adequate for the current situation. The 2nd phase of UC could go this way. Let the VOTER article cover what we can't do.

Noise Pollution - should we have a position on it? (I think this remained unanswered.) Utility rate structure should be looked into. It overlaps areas. Poppleton will write it up. It will be its own separate category.

Education - updates may be needed; financing and tenure are changing again. Our position is broad - covers almost anything. Will do an article on competency testing. The Senate Education Committee has discussed it but doesn't appear to want to go anywhere with it. Include questions of who/where set standards.

IR - need to get buy American rescinded. The area needs update.

CJ - would like to CJ and family violence all tie in to whole human services delivery system. Probably nothing for the VOTER except the family violence article.

Action

HR - 10/17 workshop received good media coverage.

The coalition dealing with compliance is becoming active.

The state department is reviewing 20 districts in all areas of compliance.

Kahn will introduce a bill to change athletic opportunity. It would abolish the State High School League. Not much chance for this, but it could cause the League to make changes. Can the LWV support abolishment? We could support the aspect of citizen participation in the League. The High School League ties into the monitoring of Title IX. Do an F&I on the subject and throw it out to local Leagues as a Lively Issue.

Education - nothing new.

CJ - update on courts structures will be Jan-Feb VOTER article.

Association of Corrections Officers is going to make a try at lobbying. They should be on our workshop list.

Government - West Hennepin Human Services is setting up a workshop on open records in the human services area and wants LWV to cosponsorship. Buffington will contact them. Michnay could be helpful.

D.C. - Humphrey and Petrafeso will introduce the amendment. We will send the newspaper article on the D.C. poll to all legislators with a letter. There will be a meeting on 11/9 with other organizations to discuss establishing a coalition.

IR - The UN Rally was very good.

Jan-Feb VOTER will contain an update on MN trade.

UNA may be planning meeting of some sort on disarmament. Should we approach them to work with us on the Focus? Because of their position on the subject, it might narrow the focus. If we join together, it must be understood that the League is in control and that the subject will be addressed on a very broad basis. This matter will be discussed at the November Board meeting.

We need a bill to rescind buy American. Sen. Pillsbury was suggested.

NR - Voyageurs coalition is not working out like the BWCA group. The League should avoid much connection.

ACTION COMMITTEE

12/5/78

Present: Armstrong, Enders, Bayless, Tews, Higson, Berkwitz, Poppleton, Phelan, Maracek, Burkhalter, Borg, Kahlenberg, Anderson.

Evaluation of Workshop: good facility. Sullivan and Berg were both excellent. It was a generally good workshop. There was a good turnout of non-Leaguers. Next time we should be sure to include information on how to register as a lobbyist. It's important. The afternoon panels were not too helpful to experienced people. Although it's desirable to separate into different workshops according to experience and even areas (they vary, too), it's hard to do. Consensus - give 'em soft chairs and good food and you've got it made.

Lobbyist Follow-up: quite a few attended but were outnumbered by Board members. The follow-up is important for Board members. This is the real action meeting, and it needs to be publicized more. The workshop is more for the general public. Those who turned in an individual interest sheet were sent a letter asking them to attend the follow-up. Maybe one day of follow-up is enough. It could be done at the Capitol. CMAL is considering a Capitol tour on the 18th in the afternoon. St. Paul is sponsoring a tour. LLs will be notified about both.

Hennepin County: the codification bill is not put together yet. They anticipate many changes. HCLWV will need help with this. A solid waste bill will be proposed. It's designed to get rid of the negative district concept. Hennepin needs all the trash to make recycling feasible. The bill would empower the Metro Council to coordinate. Burkhalter and Enders can help HCLWV on this.

NR: in good shape as far as lobbyists.

Foley - deposit legislation

Reiner - Hazardous waste - she has expertise in the field.

Watson - emissions

Reuther, Poppleton, Crampton - energy. This will be a big one.

Maher is experienced in this area.

Government: not enough people, but will be able to cover the priority areas.

Taxes - Boyden

Appropriationment - Anderson

DC - Jahnke

Election laws - Lake

Tracy will research.

Open meetings/records and such are not covered, but they're back burner items.

Open Appointment: Quie can't throw out the bill. What he probably meant was that he intends to change the system, establish task forces.

A coalition of representatives from all major women's organizations and some IR women met to discuss how to get Quie to appoint women. The first major appointments are being made now. Neither Quie or Bragg is particularly conversant in MN government. Bragg has been sent a list of state Board members as possible task force members or people who could recommend task force members.

HR: 6-8 lobbyists. Most interest in family violence.

Higson - welfare

Hastings - housing

Nordling - new, is open

Anderson - women's rights, welfare

Several people are interested in gay rights.

Two League people are acting as legislative interns for Frank Knoll who is involved in housing legislation. It was agreed that there was unlikely to be any conflict of interest.

In response to the Action Alert on HUD, Tews wrote and also contacted various LLs asking them to.

There is some concern about an attempt to rescind ERA. Action against such an effort would take priority over everything. Is our position on medical funding going to lose LWV ERA support? Most felt the opposition within League was not heavy enough to have any effect. We could be faced with legislative action on both in which case we could stay quiet on funding if that seemed advisable. We need to be prepared for action ahead of time.

CJ: 3 lobbyists
Nystuen - juveniles
Mueller - float
Court - adult corrections

Education: committee on the gifted has met with Quie people.
Aslakson is the only regular lobbyist; Armstrong will get some new people. She will meet with Quie people.
The coalition - Committee of 10,000 (?) - is very enthusiastic about gifted education action. We cannot supply dollars for the group.
Any restructuring of school aids by Quie will be a slow process.

UC: Committee Guide isn't much help - over simplified and not dealing with the problems of the cities. Convention understanding was that it would include all communities.

Everyone see that your observers and lobbyists have report forms.

CMAL: not enough lobbyists. Senate Government Operations committee will be covered regularly. They hope there can be an exchange of information between lobbyists. There will probably be more action on the elected Metro Council and hazardous waste, maybe transportation.
Metro Council is going to see changes. Quie favors an appointed council.
CMAL is publishing a position flyer which will go to the legislature.

We should be covering what's going on now in organizing the legislature; need to know who's going to have the influence. The office should have a schedule of the meetings; they should be observed and reported on. Ask advice from other lobbyists. Anderson and Berkwitz will try to organize people to do this. We also need to be touching base with Quie; should schedule a meeting with him and with his staff.

Poppleton has been asked to help a coalition in Austin. She can probably give them advice by mail, but if she goes there, they should be charged.



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MEMO

TO: Action Committee

FROM: Pam Berkwitz, Action Chair

SUBJECT: Next Meeting

DATE: December 26, 1978

January 2, 1979 - 9:30 a.m. - state office

As mentioned earlier, several of us will be going on a mini-tour of the Capitol about noon. Anyone is welcome to join us.

AGENDA

1. House Negotiations
2. Congressional Interviews
3. Human Resources
4. Government
5. Education
6. Criminal Justice
7. Natural Resources
8. International Relations
9. CAPITOL LETTER

Please contact the state office if you cannot attend.



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MEMO

TO: Pam (cc to H.B.)

FROM: H.H.

SUBJECT: Addendum to your Action Comm.
Agendum

DATE: December 21, 1978

The last VOTER announced to all the world that "Workshops similar to the one described here can be presented for corporations....." Thankfully the VOTER doesn't have much of a non-LWV audience -- no corps. and very few other groups, although this one is going to the legislators -- and we've, therefore, had no calls.

It would be nice if we had a program format, or a set of segments we could package into one, and a price. Better yet, a firm decision on whether or not LWV really was going to do this type of thing.

Some questions to start the thinking: What is the prupose? Who's the audience? What do they need/ want to know? Why? What're they supposed to do with the info. they learn?

I'd appreciate being present when this item is discussed.

Thank you.



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January 17, 1979

Mr. William Phillips
Phillips Legislative Service, Inc.
459 Rice Street
St. Paul, MN 55103

Dear Mr. Phillips:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota is delighted to be receiving the Basic Phillips Legislative Service once again. Because the Legislative Service is so invaluable to us, we guarantee that we have been and will continue to comply with your request that the Service be for League use only.

We do have one request, however. We have eight Board members who are Program chairs. When your Service arrives in our office, we go through the bills introduced and designate in which Program area that bill falls. During the interim, when we purchase the Service, we do the same with committee hearing reports. We would like your permission to copy only those sections pertinent to our Program: Criminal Justice, Natural Resources, Human Resources, Education, Taxes, and Election Laws; and to distribute them to only the eight Board people most vitally involved in those areas.

As you are aware, we have a very small staff, and our Board members are all volunteers who devote only part time to their League activities. They do not come into the office on a regularly scheduled basis, so it is difficult for them to review the Service in the office. Having the privilege and opportunity of mailing the reports to them on a regular basis is not only a convenience but an important part of our method of operation.

We do hope that you will grant us permission to copy for our Program chairs only, and again, our very deepest appreciation for providing us with this most invaluable Service.

Sincerely,

Helene Borg, President ✓

Pam Berkwitz, Action Chair

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PHILLIPS LEGISLATIVE SERVICE, Inc.

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January 19th, 1979

Ms. Helene Borg
Ms. Pam Berkwitz
League of Women Voters
555 Wabasha
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Ms. Borg and Ms. Berkwitz:

As I indicated in my letter of January 12th, 1979, reproduction of our services is not permitted. I believe my letter was reasonably clear. Accordingly, I cannot accede to your request of January 17th, 1979, for reproduction of our services.

Very truly yours,

PHILLIPS LEGISLATIVE SERVICE, INC.


William L. Phillips

WLP:rk

To: All Program Chairs
From: H.H.
Re: Phillips Legislative Service
Date: January 22, 1979

Heard from Mr. Phillips today. He was adamant in his refusal to allow us to reproduce any of his service. So, you have a few options available to you:

1. Arrange to come into the office one day a week to read through the bills yourself.
2. Be sure you, and your lobbyists, are on the House's WEEKLY WRAP-UP mailing list. W.W. lists all House bill introductions and gives a short synopsis of the bills and lists main authors. Senate Info is offering a new Bill Introduction Service which you should ask to be on - in addition to "Briefly."
3. Assign one lobbyist per day to pick up three copies of each JOURNAL which describes each bill. One JOURNAL would stay on file; the other two could be cut up for distribution to the appropriate portfolio chair(s). There's no prohibition against copying the JOURNAL.
4. Continue the previous practice of xeroxing anyway against Mr. P.'s expressed wishes and run the risk of losing the service. (I'll NOT be a party to this option.)
5. Have staff continue to identify bills and make a list of bill nos. and titles - which takes an hour to an hour and a half each time the service comes in.

You may come up with additional options. I suggest this be discussed at Action Committee meeting.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS LOBBYISTS

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MEMO

TO:

Helene

FROM:

Karen

SUBJECT:

Reapportionment bill

DATE:

1-11-79

The Senate reapportionment bill has been introduced - SF 129 - & Luther is having press conference ^{about it} at 10 a.m. Monday at capitol. Common Cause (Billie Froney) & I will be there. At this point I'm comfortable about supporting it.



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1. OIL POLICY

Continued reliance on higher priced oil imports has led to serious U.S. balance of payments problems, greater inflationary pressures, and more vulnerability to supply cut-offs. At the same time, domestically produced oil is sold at regulated prices well below the world level. Thus the real price paid by users of oil is below the cost of imported oil which, in effect, subsidizes the purchase of imported oil and does not encourage energy conservation.

Question: Which method or combination of methods do you support, or what other approaches would you advocate to deal with this situation? *Deregulation & excess profit tax for windfall profits*

2. CIVIL RIGHTS

*Pro ERA
anti abortion*

With increasing frequency, the Congress has been faced with and in several cases adopted measures that would slow down or reverse progress made in erasing discriminatory practices in education and employment.

Question: What is your response to the two approaches to curtail school busing - administrative and judicial? Would you support or reject legislation limiting any federal agency's ability to ensure affirmative action in employment?

3. ELECTORAL COLLEGE REFORM

Question: Will you vote for a constitutional amendment providing for the direct popular election of the President and Vice President?

4. TRADE

Question: Bearing in mind the importance of international trade to the U.S. economy, would you support legislation aimed at reducing or removing U.S. trade barriers? What can Congress do to encourage U.S. competitiveness abroad and minimize the impact of changing trade patterns on domestic problem sectors?

*Budget
Agriculture
Small Bus.*



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QUESTIONS AND SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA - January 12, 1979

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Question: Which method or combination of methods do you support, or what other approaches would you advocate to deal with this situation?

The League believes the federal government should gradually deregulate the oil prices and at the same time tax windfall profits attributable to deregulation. The taxes could be imposed either at the wellhead as envisioned in the crude-oil equalization tax proposal, or could be imposed as income taxes. The taxes are needed to prevent domestic producers from profiting from the OPEC cartel, which sets prices without regard for production costs. The League also supports user taxes as a means of accomplishing conservation and reducing imports. Both types of taxes should be used to reduce the impact of higher energy prices on low-income consumers and the economy in general and/or to encourage conversion to alternative fuels.

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Question: What is your response to the two approaches to curtail school busing - administrative and judicial? Would you support or reject legislation limiting any federal agency's ability to ensure affirmative action in employment?

The League views busing as a reasonable tool to bring about school

desegregation and has opposed congressional attempts to stall or eliminate this remedy.

The League has been a consistent supporter of affirmative action and its constitutional safeguards and has opposed actions to undermine civil rights enforcement.

3. ELECTORAL COLLEGE REFORM

Question: Will you vote for a constitutional amendment providing for the direct popular election of the President and Vice President?

The League supports a constitutional amendment calling for the direct election of the President including a provision for a run-off election in the event that no candidate receives more than 40% of the popular vote.

4. TRADE

Question: Bearing in mind the importance of international trade to the U.S. economy, would you support legislation aimed at reducing or removing U.S. trade barriers? What can Congress do to encourage U.S. competitiveness abroad and minimize the impact of changing trade patterns on domestic problem sectors?

The League has long supported a liberalization of U.S. trade policy through the systematic reduction of tariff and non-tariff barriers.

The League hopes that in congressional consideration of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations agreement and any other trade legislation, the emphasis will be on a flexible, efficient and effective trade policy based on the public interest, not on special or sectional interests.

5. WELFARE

Question: What do you view as the necessary components of an acceptable welfare reform bill? Would you support extending coverage to two-parent families? A federal minimum benefit floor? Tying welfare to job training and placement assistance and public service employment? Federal assumption of state and local welfare costs?

The League expects and will support efforts to enact significant welfare reform in the 96th Congress.

6. CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Question: Will you vote to provide public funds to congressional elections? Can any changes be made to the Federal Election

Campaign Act (FECA) which would create more equal competition between challengers and incumbents?

The League has been a strong supporter of the FECA and supports public funds for congressional candidates.



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MEMO

TO: HB

FROM: PT

SUBJECT: Voting record

DATE: 1/15

About MEPA asking that we do up
a key voting record. We didn't do that
in C. L. They gave the final outcome
on legislation of League interest
but not the roll call vote.
As far as I know M. Roth is okay.
You don't have to die to have an
award named for you - or do you?

Retreat - notify nominees
Llona - Wingspread

N.B.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA



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MEMO

TO: Action Committee

FROM: Pam Berkwitz (920-3364)

SUBJECT: Next Meeting

DATE: January 31, 1979

The Action Committee meeting will be next Tuesday, February 6, 1979, at 9:30 a.m. in the state office. Program chairs should contact me in advance if they cannot attend.

AGENDA

Capitol Letter
Phillips Service
Human Resources
Natural Resources
Government
Criminal Justice
Education
International Relations
CMAL

Berkwitz, Crampton, Phelan, Poppleton, Armstrong, Enders, Hastings, Bayless, Harkness, Kahlenberg, Anderson, Burkhalter, Lake.

Capitol Letter - Probably won't get out until 2/8. The subscriptions are way down. We may need to start thinking about another approach. The deadline will continue to be the day of Action committee meetings. Next one - 3/6.

Phillips Legislative Service - is not as valuable since we can't duplicate any of it. Most committee members felt the listing that is being done is helpful and should be continued.

The Senate bill introduction list can be requested.

Phillips can be read in the office.

Please turn in vouchers!

Lobbyists - Anderson needs someone for Reapportionment and Armstrong needs more. Charlotte Helseth is available and could work on Education. Thom Foote-Lennox has indicated an interest. Nystuen could be spared from C.J. for Reapportionment. Many of the committees are not doing much. Observers should be encouraged anyway. It gives them experience and a knowledge of the legislators.

People will have to call to get information on subcommittees.

Encourage lobbyists to talk one to one, not just testify. The action on D.C. is an example of how well this works.

The individual files on the legislators should be continued. Add your own bits of information.

The Boschwitz interview is scheduled for 2/19 at 4:00 for 30 minutes. Berkwitz would like several people to go.

Willmar Bank people want to have a day on the hill - 2/22. They want a tour guide. Armstrong will do.

HR -

An inheritance tax bill has been introduced that we can support.

Insurance - Wynia thinks the bill will go nowhere; may not even introduce it.

Migrants - a study commission has been set up. They want a clear, written Sp./Eng. contract for migrants with penalties imposed if terms are broken. It sounds pro-migrant. We need more information from the author about the possible effect.

Displace Homemakers - want projects refunded. We can support this.

Human Rights - a House advisory has been introduced that relates to financial institutions violating human rights. It is aimed at the Willmar Bank and relates to state monies in said institutions. A House advisory is worded as a question for purposes of discussion. We would need more information before we could support.

Eq. Op. Athletics - Kahn has introduced a bill to repeal the law we're monitoring. The new one is really the same but more specific. It goes along with the testimony we will present before the meeting on rules. Kahn is not hopeful. The High School League bill to repeal the Kahn bill follows Title IX but has loopholes.

The HR lobbyists need to get to work.

Council on Children and Family - Harkness heads the Governor's Task Force. There is a bill to change it to a council. Do we support another council? The bill is not clear on terms of office and funding. It would be similar to the Council on Economic Status... Our position in this area is concerned with duplication and overlapping. Under what position would we support this?

The Council on Economic Status... would take them in as a committee if they could get the funding. This doesn't thrill the task force.

Available money will probably be the deciding factor. We wouldn't oppose it but will not speak to it for now. We would have to justify open support. It was suggested Kahlenberg contact Lois DeSantis for background.

Battered Women - there is a bill for emergency shelter money.

Abortion - a bill requiring family planning agencies to inform a parent before giving a teenager abortion, contraceptive, whatever advice has been introduced. We won't touch this - not even in Capitol Letter.

Lewis has introduced a bill to restore medicaid funding. Spear, Pillsbury and Perpich are co-authors.

ERA - the 'coalition' is forming a loose network to keep on top of things. They will target 30 legislators to be contacted in their districts to shore them up.

NR -

Deposit legislation has been introduced. The Senate will do nothing until it passes the House. Foley thinks it hasn't a prayer. With so many new legislators, there is a continuing need for education on this.

D. Johnson has introduced a bill establishing a BWCA citizens committee to advise the forest service. We could support it on the basis of citizen participation. It was mentioned it really should be citizens from throughout the country, not just Minnesota.

We must keep coordinated on building code legislation. It touches both housing and energy. Higson is the lobbyist.

There have been several bills prohibiting the discontinuance of utility service for unpaid bills between September and April.

The Senate is bogged down on gasahol. There's much opposition - cost and energy to produce, etc. Legislation, if proposed, would be written to allow the manufacture. There are no bills yet.

There is a proposal (Knaak) to establish a subcommittee on water resources under Government Operations.

The Energy Agency has come in with only 10% of budget for alternative sources. We should encourage legislators to increase that.

Government -

We oppose a rebate. Technically it can't be introduced in the Senate.

Our tax position was sent to legislators by Boyden. She has followed it up with a few of them.

We can support Quie's general proposals. We don't have a position specifically on indexing but could accept it in a package. Quie's proposal is not for true indexing. Tax exempt propoerty legislation hasn't been touched by the legislature. Boyden will be asked to go into this.

Reapportionment - Much action. We have given testimony supporting the bills - this sets up the bipartisan committee. It's a good bill. The vote will probably be 2/8 in the House. Senate support is unlikely.
Bills on legislative size are receiving no support.
I and R has been introduced. We have no position.
There are bills limiting the number of terms and on calling a constitutional convention.
A task force to look at the functions of the state auditor's office is being established.
Anderson was contacted; they need women to serve.

Elections - The committee chairman has told them not to hold up on introducing legislation as requested by the Sec. of State. Recodification will not be ready until much later.

There is a bill dealing with disclosure of lobbyists' salaries.

C.J. - very little falls into League positions.

Education - as yet no bills that involve League positions. Gifted education will go into the omnibus bill as a line item in the budget, and that's probably how it will get tossed out.

IR - no bill to repeal 'buy American'. There is one to include Mexico and Canada.

CMAL - monitoring Government Operations, House Local and Urbans Affairs and a sub-committee of that committee.

Humphrey is introducing a bill for an elected council with four year staggered terms. One bill would elect the chairman from within the council; another has appointment by the governor with all counties represented.

CMAL's fiscal disparities update has been given to the committees.

Mounds View has not received concurrence from other area Leagues on their airport expansion opposition. CMAL is planning an airports go-see.

D.C. - moving fast. Jahnke has testified. It passed the committee and has gone to Rules. Rules will accept testimony from only one on each side. Buffington thinks it will pass Rules. If so, it goes to the floor on 2/12, final vote on 2/15. The Senate is stalling. Davies is against it.

A T for A will go out and a letter from the office to all representatives.



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MEMO

TO: Action Committee

FROM: Pam Berkwitz

SUBJECT: Next Meeting

DATE: February 28, 1979

The next meeting of the Action Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 1979 at 9:30 a.m. in the state office. Program chairs should notify me if they are unable to attend.

Agenda:

- Capitol Letter
- Action box
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Human Resources
- Government
- Natural Resources
- CMAL



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MEMO

TO: Program Chairs, Lobbyists

FROM: Pam Berkwitz

SUBJECT: Capitol Letter Deadline;
voucher

DATE: Feb. 28, 1979

The deadline for the next Capitol Letter is Tuesday, March 6, 1979 at 9:30 a.m. If you are unsure of your assignment for this second issue, contact your Program chair.

Please be sure to fill in the enclosed voucher and send it to the office.

Keep up the good work!

3/6/79

Helseth, Nystuen, Phelan, Poppleton, Armstrong, Anderson, Crampton, Kahlenberg, Tews, Higson, Harkness, Burkhalter, Buffington, Enders, Berkwitz, Maracek, Boyden.

Capitol Letter deadline is today. (3/6)

We should be able to have deposit legislation vote in time to go in the Letter. The D.C. vote has been postponed.

Family planning funding cutoff bills are being heard today. (3/5)

April Capitol Letter deadline is 4/3. The next one at the end of April and one after adjournment.

Action Box - the next VOTER won't go out until the end of April so keep close track of what's going on during the next 5-6 weeks.

Vouchers - get them in by 3/31.

Spotmaster - anything that applies to you be sure to respond to by letter over your and Helene's signature. The same goes for R/H.

Program suggestions - 23 responses. They're still coming in. Well over half have suggested Initiative and Referendum. Many mention Reapportionment but most think that can be handled at Convention.

Some suggestions for competency testing.

Many requests for a variety of updates.

The committee will wait until the April meeting to make its recommendations. This will allow time for more response from the Leagues.

C.J. - We have received a letter from Perpich asking us to respond to his prostitution bill. We cannot support.

The community corrections act is being reevaluated.

Money was budgeted for the battered women program - a large increase.

There is a new bill in the Senate which may end the category of status offender. Phelan will check on this.

Education - Kahlenberg and Armstrong met with the Governor's education aide. He plans to deliver a special education message soon.

Gifted - the coalition met with the Governor and think they changed some of his thinking. There are two bills in for pilot projects. The coalition opposes these. The Governor will reconsider his support. He doesn't like the arbitrary 5% limit but will rethink it.

In his message, the Governor will ^{not} specifically address declining enrollment. He is absolutely set on his K-3 program for smaller class size - views it as a positive approach to the problem.

There will be a commission appointed to study all school financing. There should be a League member on it, but selection will be made through the regular process.

A bill has been introduced for a legislative commission to do the same thing.

Quie does not go along with competency testing. What he would like is basic skills taught at the secondary level (reading only was mentioned).

The home visit part of K-3 program would start as a pilot project. There would be state funding.

Two bills have been introduced that are in direct conflict with Title IX. Quie is in favor of Title IX.

HR - there is a proposal for a pilot project on health education in the schools. It is doubtful we could/would support.

Child care - bills that include the sliding fee are in committees. McCarron's community services bill includes the same. Children's Lobby feels it will be lost in the McCarron bill. Our lobbyist, Liz Nordling, has talked to some committee members. The Senate knows we support the concept. The Children's Lobby has asked the League to speak for the increase of funding for current programs. The request is for an increase from 2.3 to 6 million. We should ask them to justify this increase. We could support just increased funding and not deal in figures.

Welfare reform - Janet Clark is working on an overall bill but doesn't expect passage.

Building code - a compromise bill has been introduced that would exclude and and two family, new, owner built dwellings. It would apparently allow sub-contracting. Amendments are a certainty. Knoll's interns should be spoken to to find out more and we should follow it very carefully. The League support for the original legislation was very strong.

Public Health Assn. - is concerned about the family planning act restriction on minors. They want League support. The Action commieett had agreed not to touch this. It is probably dead anyway.

Discrimination in housing for families with children - a growing problem. A bill is being drafted to eliminate this. The bill would amend the Human Rights Act. We should pursue this. There has been discussion of industrial bonding for housing.

There is a question of legality. Schaaf is drafting a bill designed for Fridley.

Inheritance tax - is going well. Quie supports the 50% exemption idea.

Insurance - no bill on discrimination on basis of sex has been introduced. There is one against discrimination because of a disability if the person has a driver's license (this is on auto insurance). The bill needs more investigation.

Migrants - we can support formation of a commission to study protection of migrants but not a bill dealing with their contracts. We have no position on labor contracts.

Affirmative Action - there is a bill designed to protect affirmative action programs in schools by providing for exceptions to termination solely on the basis of seniority. Kahlenberg will talk to Shaw and determine if we can support.

House Advisory - Enebo says his committee will never get to a hearing on advisory proposals. The proposal relating to financial institutions handling state monies violating human rights should be in bill form he thinks, but it would need much legal research. He suggested we contact Mack, the counsel for the Willmar strikers, and draw up a bill. We will contact Shaw on this also.

Economic Status of Women - a letter was sent in support of funding.

Displaced Homemaker - nothing going.

Council on Children and Family - the bill to establish this has been held up.

There is some opposition to the Hughes bill. We do not support establishment of the Council. We support many of their positions; we would not oppose.

Tuition exemption for various groups - we wouldn't support any.

Athletics - C. Johnson has drafted an amendment to the current law. Actually, Title IX is not very strong in athletics. Our present state law is stronger. The Johnson proposal takes out references to equality of opportunity - schools can do what they want, balance or not. Kahn wants to concentrate on new rules written in the context of the current law. Wilson will not do a thing on rules now.

Abortion Funding - will get a Senate hearing but probably going nowhere.

Government - House vote on D.C. has been postponed to 3/8. It has passed the Senate Judiciary. Lewis will delay the Senate vote until after the House. He is guaranteeing passage. The House will be close at best. The D.C. pamphlet and a letter will go to certain Senators. Local Leagues have been responding very well.

Constitutional Convention - League spoke to the question, not pro or con, just dealt in questions. It's probably dead, but McDonald is determined to get it to the floor.

I/R - no action on any of the bills.

Reapportionment - the House and Senate bills are different now. The Senate bill calls for fewer non-legislative members. This is the first time it has gone even this far in the Senate.

Taxes - very slow. We will concentrate on tax committee members encouraging rate reduction not rebate. We should be watching for anything on limited property tax. If unconstitutionality is upheld, it would pose a major problem.

NR - we spoke for the bill to establish a solar energy center at the Red Wing Vo-Tec. It passed.

There is a good bill for funding study of alternative sources of energy.

Hazardous Waste bill - deals with nuclear plants. It stops building or expansion until there is an approved waste site. We support safe waste disposal, but do we oppose the building of plants? Crampton will talk to national.

CMAL - not much for CL.

There is a bill to allow local referenda on Metro Council land use decisions.

There are several airport bills - all including local referenda.

These bills would all allow the circumvention of Metro planning decisions. CMAL will be watching them.



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MEMO

TO: Action Committee
FROM: Pam Berkwitz, Chair
SUBJECT: Next Meeting
DATE: March 27, 1979

The next Action Committee meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 3rd, in the state office. Program chairs should notify me before the meeting if you cannot attend. Please bring your information for the Action Box.

AGENDA

Capitol Letter
Family Violence Concurrence
Natural Resources
Government
Education
Human Resources
Criminal Justice

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March 1979

Dear State Presidents:

The purpose of this letter is to introduce you to the member(s) of the LWVUS Lobby Corps assigned to your state.

As we all know, the constituency of a member of Congress (MC) has the greatest potential for swaying the senator's or representative's vote. It's the letters you send to your MC and the visits you make to him/her expressing league positions that carry the most clout in obtaining votes. To augment the job you do, and to expand the lobbying capabilities of the National board and staff, there are 27 experienced League members, currently living in the Washington Metropolitan Area, who constitute the LWVUS Lobby Corps. They have come to us on the recommendation of local and state leagues. Members of the Lobby Corps are articulate, persuasive, knowledgeable spokespersons for the League and its programs. Each Lobby Corps member is responsible for two or three states. Where possible they are assigned to states they know best. They are trained volunteers who keep in touch with the offices of every representative and senator as directed by Legislative Action Division (LAD) staff. They are kept up on the status of legislation and given specific lobbying assignments by the LAD staff.

Reports by the Lobby Corps on congressional attitudes are submitted directly to LAD. LAD, in turn, transmits the information they contain to the National Action Committee and the Board for use in planning action strategy. You are urged to contact LAD whenever you seek information about the stands of your MCs (and other national officials); and, please be sure to send them any information you think would be relevant to understanding that MC.

State presidents may hear directly from a member of the Lobby Corps if information is picked up that will be of particular interest to the state or local League in that MC's district. State presidents may be requested to forward such comments to local Leagues, where appropriate.

Lobby Corps Chair Joanne Turner hopes that you will write her in care of the National Office, LAD, if you have any questions or suggestions about the Lobby Corps. She would particularly like

State Presidents
March 1979

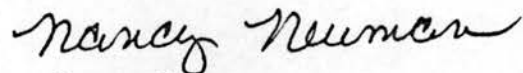
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to hear from state or local presidents who know any potential new Lobby Corps recruits who are moving to the Washington area.

Rather than simply typing in the name of the Lobby Corps member who visits your MCs, I'm asking her to add a brief note below introducing herself. This way she can tell you exactly what she wants you to know about herself and her assignments.

In closing, I'm sure I don't have to tell you of the very fine work the Lobby Corps does. They are an integral part of the LWV action effort. But, again, as every lobbyist would tell you, it is the fact that the MC receives letters and visits from you, his/her local constituent, that make the real difference.

Sincerely,



Nancy Neuman
Action Chair

Dear Helene:

I will continue to visit the offices of the Minnesota Members of Congress during this session. Several weeks ago I made a get acquainted call in each one of the offices. This week we will be lobbying the Senate, seeking support for the immediate extension of the countervailing duty waiver authority. The lapse of this authority threatens successful completion of multilateral trade negotiations which are struggling through their final phase.

Council is fast approaching. I will look forward to seeing you and/or other representatives of your league. I just want to convey my desire to be helpful in any way possible. My phone number is 591-8328. I will be attending most Council meetings and will be available during our day "on the Hill."

Thank you for putting me on the list to receive the Minnesota Voter. It helps to keep me sharp on the state of concerns of the Minnesota League.

Sincerely,



MRS. FRAN KIEFFER
9019 Hamilton Drive
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

4/3/79

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Berkwitz, Anderson, Nystuen, Buffington, Scribner, Armstrong, Bayless, Burkhalter, Maracek, Crampton, Kahlenberg, Rosenblatt.

Everyone is to fill out an up to date voucher today - date it 3/31.

Action Box - keep it brief but cover everything you've followed. Turn in today.

Capitol Letter - turn in material today. Let Berkwitz know where you are today and tomorrow. If something really interesting is going on, even if it doesn't fall within any Program area, write it up.

There was general discussion of the next Action committee meeting date. It was decided that the next meeting would be on April 24. This would also be the deadline for the next Capitol Letter. We will have one more issue after this at the end of the session, a wrapup issue.

Family violence

22 Leagues concured

1 didnot concur Bloomington

5 will have consensus meetings by the end of May.

4 have no plans to take consensus, Chaska, New Brighton, St. Paul and Freeborn Co.

C.J. There is some child protection legislation and not much else.

The next Capitol Letter could have the lead article be on Taxes and the status of the tax bills.

N.R.No bills out yet. The Tax Committee has been considering tax/energy conservation billbs.

Nuclear Waste Bill we cannot take action. We have written the national energy chair and have not received a reply. Sen. Humphrey has a bill on the subject and Rep. Kahn has 3 bills. Virginia ~~Blair~~ Joint committee of hazardous and solid waste will testify Thursday. Peat gasification project will be undertaken. Hazardous waste issue needs to be considered on the Federal level. Our legislature is avoiding the real issue playing politics - they need to be educated.

12 members of the Owatonna LWV came to the capitol on April 2 and were taken on a tour. Every thing went well.

GOVT. K.A. and C. Helseth Reapportionment In the house it is in rules. The Senate is changing the bill. How long do you support a bill when it has been changed so much. House rules will consider the bill 4/4 ad 4:00. Coleman will continue to get hearings.

Dave Roe "We might have to support the bill".

Initiative and Referendum It has been a circus Benedict's bills are before the committee, but they have been taking general testimony. They will be taking testimony on specific bills starting on Friday.

F. Boyden TAXES Two weeks ago we testified in favor of the Gov. proposal in a House subcommittee, the indexing portion was included. Shortly after that property tax relief was added Tomlinson- DFL attempt to use the surplus via property tax relief.

On 4/3 the chairman on the committee introduced his own bill (it had not been to subcommittee IR's control the vote in the subcommittees but the DFL controls the vote in the full committee) and would not consider the bill that had been passed out of subcommittee. There was a lot of flap. Will continue following the issue.

K.A. Size of the Legislature S.F. 343 Kleinbaum 33 Senate/ 99 House It would amend the constitution now the numbers are not mentioned in the constitution. We will speak to the issue.

Revenue bonds there are a lot of bills on the subject. Do we need to do something for the local leagues? There was general discussion.

E.B. D.C. Minnesota was the 4th state to ratify.

Campaign Financing S. Keefe introduced a bill in mid Feb. it would up the limits (now they are so low that it is impossible to keep within the limits). There is a "kicker" in the bill candidates could exceed the limits even if they signed the pledge. We support limits unnaturally low limits favor the incumbent. We have had four years of inflation since the present limits were established. We need a bill.

Corporations can give unlimited funds to initiate legislation have to be very careful of the proposals that are being made.

Party preference in primary a bill has been introduced.

EDUCATION: R.A. Evolution / Creation dialog has been interesting. The committee is reluctant to mandate curriculum.

Drop out prevention Special education and dropout program \$19,000,000 60% of staff. Ken Nelson (Mpls.) is the author. There was general discussion; some members of the committee believed that there is federal money available and that this would be an overlapping program. Will look in to the money concerns.

Gifted On 4/5 Faricy dropped the study approach and made the bill apply statewide. Will this sail in the Senate?? G. Hughes still wants the pilot project approach. The coalition is working well.

Library There are 2 bills of interest S.F. 924 and S.F. 1010 - we will be watching them. We have 2 people that will be working on the issue.

Indians education/ definition of / taskforce R.A. will talk to J. Kahlenberg.

Community College strike does our position cover?? General discussion. Will not take action.

Omnibus School Aids the subcommittee is developing the legislation. Will be following and commenting.

H.R. J.K. Equality in Athletics There has been a great deal of activity in this area. House action has been bad. They do not seem to understand the issue. Things are better in the Senate, they listened to the testimony. We have sent out Times for Action.

Inheritance Tax reform testimony has been delayed.

Marguerite Gamble U. of M. Medical School was flunked out 3 years ago and is now bringing suit. She wants us to join in the suit. We will look in to the issue P. Lucas / J. K.

J.T. Building Code H.F. 872 opposition outstate the bill would now apply only to those jurisdictions that adopt the code (local option).

National action Housing cuts in the HUD budget wrote to Boschwitz.

Minimum wage Have talked to Sally Laird in the national office. We can not support dollar amounts only equal access issue.

Discrimination in housing there is a bill prohibiting discrimination against families with children and also students.

Welfare have talked to the new commissioner he was unwilling to talk about McCarron's bill until he had met with the Governor.

Lis Nordling is following S.F. 558 would allow daycare facilities to have up to 10 children without requiring rezoning.

Full employment defeated in the House there is a possibility in the Senate Urban Coalition is supporting.

On April 19 Gloria Steinham will testify before the Senate Health and Welfare Committee on restoring abortion funding. General discussion. MOTION: We testify on April 19 in favor of restoring funding.
Passed 12 yes 1 abstain.

ERA News conference St. Paul gave good coverage TV good coverage Minneapolis had bad coverage. The afternoon conference gave supporters and good opportunity to express their views and there was good participation.

C.J. Ann Jade is following there are bills redefining status offenders Lewis doesn't want to hear them until later.

Ladig has a bill on vocational training for inmates.

Nothing in the juvenile area.

K. Nelson has some prostitution bills.

Henn. Co. Solid Waste Casserly has a bill.

Henn. Co. park reserve districts increase levy from .76 to 1 mill. This is permissive legislation the board would review.

CMAL Bill that would allow counties to withdraw from the Regional Development Commissions would also withdraw the voting rights for representatives of citizen's groups. There was general discussion of the League study of the issue of Reg. Dev. Comm. we did not reach consensus only provided information. This bill would not effect the Metropolitan Council.

There is also a bill on metro bonding.

I.R. There have been 2 action items from national. oppose the Helms' amendment and support H.R. 1147 Presidential authority to wave import duties. Pat Llona has received calls from local leagues asking for more information and so hopefully they are responding. She has responded.

Constitutional Convention LWVUS has an observer attending meeting of a coalition that opposes a convention. There was an error in the newspaper report that said we were a member.



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April 4, 1979

Ruth J. Hinerfeld, President
League of Women Voters of the U.S.
1730 M Street, NW
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Dear Ruth,

We thought you would enjoy seeing the publicity LWVMN received for its support of the D.C. Amendment.

Enclosed is a copy of the article that appeared in the Minneapolis TRIBUNE on the front page the morning after D.C. passed in the House. According to our government chair, Erica Buffington, the press was not aware that the D.C. vote was coming up on the House floor until she told them. Of course she made sure the press knew that the League of Women Voters had worked hard for its passage!

Also enclosed is a picture of Governor Quie signing the D.C. ratification bill in the presence of its chief sponsors and supporters. Please note the LWV buttons prominently displayed. Unfortunately Common Cause representatives did not make it to the signing - Common Cause was very helpful.

Our lobbyists have heard repeatedly from state representatives and senators that the Minnesota Legislature would not have ratified the D.C. Amendment without the support of the League of Women Voters.

It was a proud moment in an otherwise difficult legislative session. Enclosed is a copy of an article from the Catholic Bulletin which will give you some idea of what we're up against.

Sincerely,

✓ Helene Borg,
President

Pam Berkwitz
Action Chair

Enclosures



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MEMO

TO: Action Committee

FROM: Pam Berkwitz, Action Chair

SUBJECT: Next Meeting

DATE: April 17, 1979

The next Action Committee meeting is Tuesday, April 24th, at 9:30 a.m. in the state office. There will be no meeting on May 1st. Program Chairs should notify me before the meeting if they are unable to attend.

AGENDA

Capitol Letter

Government

Criminal Justice

Human Resources

Natural Resources

International Relations

ACTION COMMITTEE - April 24, 1979 -

Crampton, Nordling, Higinbotham, Buffington, Poppleton, Armstrong, Rosenblatt, Reiner, Berkwitz, Burkhalter Nystuen, Maracek, Llona, Bayless, Hastings, Boyden, Anderson, Lucas-sec. Kahlenberg

Capitol Letter - Next deadline is May 25th - This will be a wrap up. If necessary could do a piece for the Voter. Pam would like a page in the Voter because it is an every-member piece.

Political Accountability Rating- Should we do it now or wait for 2 years?

General discussion - need to have votes that mean something

-do now - then constituents could get in touch with repre.

- % gives a guide - then can look at specifics

- problems with % - to few issues now

MOTION: Plan to do a vote recap or another vote accountability type piece in the May/June Voter----passed

MOTION: Donot use % at this time ----failed

Next Action Committee meeting will be May 29th - 9:30 AM

Legislative Report Convention - L. Ebbott and Kahlenberg - would like to do something about legis. and monitoring.

Action recognition - Borg and Berkwitz will decide - anyone else is ^{welcome} ~~willing~~ to join them.

Suggestion - write a parody on the Legislature - Armstrong will work on it.

National Council - will be lobbying on oil ~~de~~regulation and excess profits - have been invited to a White House reception.

GOVT. - Taxes - Compromizes are going to start now? Both parties agree that there is \$686.6 Million available for tax cut.

C.J. - Nothing has happened.

H.R. - Building Code bill has been amended and is in the funding committies.

Discrimination in Housing - famlies and students - is in the Judiciary committees of both houses.

Migrant bill is now a study bill.

Full employment bill is now in quite a different form.

Minimum Wage - DFL has supported the Governor's amendments in the Senate. In the House the same amendments are in the bill but it is stalled in committee 10/10 vote.

It takes 68 Votes to pass a bill in the House - absolute majority - Put in Capitol Letter. ^{oops!}

Community Social Services bill (Lewis/McCarron) versions are miles apart. Authors met and tries to iron out some of the differences. Lewis had an 18 page amendment as a result of the talk. Mental health people are unhappy - 6M is included for the cronically mentally ill. Lewis bill passed committee.

April 20 - Senate deadline for house of origin bills

April 27 - House " " " " " "

Blue Book - limited copies available - ready late fall - contact Sec. of State.

Equal opp. in Athletics - passed House 90-41. Senate subcommittee on Friday hope there is some chance for the Dieterich bill. Hughes seems to be in favor.

Need to lobby the senators on a one to one basis - do the best we can.

Von Veletta - Dept. of Ed. may testify in favor of the present law - the Dept. of Ed. can work with the Human Rights Dept. on rules.

Leagues are confused with position/monitoring. Don't understand that this new action would take away from what we have. Need to keep membership informed.

Restoring medicade funding for abortions - Lewis called on LWVMN first.
In favor, Am. bar assoc, Ella Bozarth Campbell, Gloria Steinham (she was conciliatory). Failed 6/8

Family Planning bill - Perpich ran a fair hearing - impact on the poor - we need the facts - is it a access issue? We could support it if it is.
General discussion. MOTION; Look at facts - and then consider appropriate action.
passed

Joan Higinbotham will discuss it with J. Kahlenberg.

Inheritance Tax - passed Senate - Will probably endup in the tax bills - should lobby infavor of the concept. Contact members of the committee that are working on the omnibuss bill. Senate bill is different than the House bill. Boyden and Hastings should coordinate efforts.

Education - All in omnibus bill - political maneuvering - Gifted in both House and Senate bills 1.2 M - 2.5% of pupils \$30/pupil. Bills will go to Taxes and the Finance.

-S.F.1374 - Sexual Sterotyping - just introduced - will watch this one.

N.R. - Update Nuclear waste position - Oregon concurs - Berkwitz and Lake will try to organize a caucus at LWVUS Council.

- Many bills are in that "gut" the Polution Control Comm.

-Fighting a holding action.

-Park bill for metro now has 15M for parks statewide - no trails

-BWCA - state comm. is in Senate Finance \$40,000

-Bills are going crazy places to try to avoid Chenoweth.

-Hazardous Waste - House rules - not moving - V.R. will testify today.
bills won't go anywhere this session.

-A company has a site of wastes - wants LWV to support with public education.

Crampton - All bills are sitting in committee - H.F. 990 will come out because it has appropriation. Includes money for workers to install materials bought with federal money for insulation etc. of low-income homes.

Nuclear Waste bill - Health and Welfare - Senate - is still alive - House committee killed the bill 6/6. NSP and Paper Calmonson are against - testimony is confusing.

Henn Co. - Sanitary waste bill - support resource recovery - in Henn. Co site is on the park district land.

I.R. - Have received replies from Vento, Durneburger, Erdahl, Sabo. A number of Leagues acted.

GOVT. - Campaign Fin. - S.Keefe S.F. 550 passed - House bill did not have the "tricky" part - Full Gen. Legis. Comm. "Tricky" part back - defeated - DFL yes/IR no -- Next session.

Reapportionment - House Elec. and Camp. Subcomm. - have only considered recodification
The chairman would be on the committee that did the reapportionment if things stay like they are.

Senate - passed committee and put on the concent calendar - if it passes the House will have to deal with it.

CMAL - Parks in Senate Finance - haven't hear yet.

Land Use Planning bill moving along - seems to be general support.

Metro - Agricultural land preservation bill has been written will be coming in.

Revenue Bonds - Housing Finance Agency - should be looking at these bills.



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TO: Action Committee

FROM: Pam Berkwitz

SUBJECT: Action Committee Meeting

DATE: May 21, 1979

The Action Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, May 29, at 9:30 a.m., at the state office.

Please note that the meeting might be rescheduled for Thursday, May 31, at 9:30 a.m., at the state office. Should the meeting time be changed, you will be notified.