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WASHINGTON

ACTION

Last Day: December 22

December 12, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JIM CANNON ✓
SUBJECT: S. 240 - General Federation of Women's Clubs

Attached for your consideration is S. 240, sponsored by Senator Burdick, which would amend the law with respect to the General Federation of Women's Clubs to:

- Delete the dollar limit in the Federal charter which limits the value of corporate property which the Federation may own to a specific amount.
- Add the Federation to the list of private corporations which are required to perform an annual audit and report that audit to the Congress.

OMB, Max Friedersdorf, Pat Lindh, Counsel's Office (Lazarus) and I recommend approval of the enrolled bill.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign S. 240 at Tab A.





EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

DEC 11 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill S. 240 - General Federation of
Women's Clubs
Sponsor - Sen. Burdick (D) North Dakota

Last Day for Action

December 22, 1975 - Monday

Purpose

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Agency Recommendation

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Discussion

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S. 240 would delete the dollar limit in the charter, currently \$1,500,000, in view of this recurring problem.

In addition, the enrolled bill would add the Federation to the list of private corporations contained in Public Law 88-504, which are required to perform an annual audit and report that audit to the Congress.

No executive branch agencies were asked to comment on this legislation.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 12/12

MEMO TO: *Judy*

FROM: PAT LINDH

For appropriate handling ✓

For your information _____

Per your request _____

Remarks:

J *concur*

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: December 11

Time: 600pm

FOR ACTION: Pat Lindh
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazarus

cc (for information): Jack Marsh
Jim Cavanaugh

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: December 12

Time: 500pm

SUBJECT:

S. 240 - General Federation of Women's Clubs

ACTION REQUESTED:

_____ For Necessary Action

_____ For Your Recommendations

_____ Prepare Agenda and Brief

_____ Draft Reply

For Your Comments

_____ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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No objection. -- Ken Lazarus 12/12/75

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K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CAVANAUGH
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M-L*
SUBJECT: S. 240 - General Federation of Women's Clubs

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs with the agencies
that the subject bill be signed.

Attachments

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

MAY 7 (legislative day, APRIL 21), 1975.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. HRUSKA, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 240]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 240), to amend the Act entitled "An Act granting a charter to the General Federation of Women's Clubs," having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the bill is to compensate for the changing value of the three buildings of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. It is necessary to again petition Congress for an amendment because of the inflationary spiral; the value of the property has again exceeded the amount designated by the charter.

In view of the fact that this seems to be recurring problem involving the same properties, it has been proposed that the monetary figure be deleted and that the real or personal property be determined by the current market value therein.

STATEMENT

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is incorporated under a special charter granted by the Congress of the United States March 3, 1901, and any amendment of that charter requires an Act of Congress.

Founded in 1890, the General Federation is the largest organization of women in the world with a membership in excess of 10 million members in thousands of clubs and associate organizations throughout the United States and abroad.

The object of the General Federation is to bring into communication and to unite the women's clubs and like organizations throughout the world for the purpose of mutual benefit and for the promotion of their common interest in educational, industrial, philanthropic, literary,

artistic, and scientific culture as interpreted and implemented by established policy. Membership in the General Federation consists of women's clubs and organizations whose work and purpose are germane to the objectives of the General Federation. Each application for membership must show that the organization requires no partisan political test for membership, that it is not a secret society, and that it does not tolerate, either by practice or teaching, any violation of State or national laws.

The real and personal estate of the General Federation consists primarily of three adjacent buildings in Washington, D.C.: 1734 N Street NW., purchased in 1922; 1738 N Street NW., purchased in 1951; and 1728 N Street NW., purchased in 1959. The main building at 1734 N Street NW. is a handsome five-story residence originally built in 1875 by Admiral William Radford. The International President of the General Federation lives in this building during her 2-year term of office. The reception area has been the scene for entertainment of prominent visitors as well as Government officials and Members of Congress. This building also houses the office of the President where business for the Federation is handled by a staff of 30 people under her direction. These offices have spread to the two adjoining buildings.

The General Federation is petitioning Congress to amend the Act entitled "An Act granting a charter to the General Federation of Women's Clubs" approved March 3, 1901, as amended by an Act approved April 28, 1904, as amended by an Act approved April 6, 1922, as amended by an Act approved June 7, 1934.

The amendments were made necessary to compensate for the changing value of the three buildings of the General Federation set forth above. It is necessary to again petition Congress for an amendment because of the inflationary spiral; the value of the property has again exceeded the amount designated by the charter.

In view of the fact that this seems to be a recurring problem involving the same properties, it has been proposed that the monetary figure be deleted and that the real or personal property be determined by the current market value therein.

The Committee is of the opinion that this bill has a meritorious purpose and accordingly recommends favorable consideration of S. 240 without amendment.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with subsection (4) of Rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

"SEC. 2. That the said corporation is authorized to acquire, by devise, bequest, or otherwise, hold, purchase, and convey such real and personal estate as shall or may be required for the purpose of its incorporation [not exceeding \$1,500,000,] with authority in said corporation, should it be by it deemed necessary so to do, to mortgage or otherwise encumber the real estate which it may hereafter own or acquire and may give therefor such evidences of indebtedness as such corporation may decide upon."

AMENDING THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING
A CHARTER TO THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF
WOMEN'S CLUBS"

OCTOBER 9, 1975.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. MOORHEAD of California, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 240]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 240) to amend the Act entitled "An Act granting a charter to the General Federation of Women's Clubs" having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Page 2, after line 6, insert:

SEC. 2. Section 1 of Public Law 88-504 (78 Stat. 635; 36 U.S.C. 1101) is amended by adding a new item 49, as follows:
"(49) General Federation of Women's Clubs."

PURPOSE

The purpose of the proposed legislation, as amended, is to delete the existing monetary limit on the value of corporate property in the incorporation statute of the General Federation of Women's Clubs so that its property will not be subject to such a limit.

The amended bill also provides that the General Federation of Women's Clubs will be added to the list of private corporations established under Federal law as contained in Public Law 88-504 so that the corporation will be subject to the requirements of that law concerning an annual audit and a report of that audit to the Congress.

STATEMENT

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is incorporated under an incorporation statute passed by the Congress and approved March 3, 1901.

Founded in 1890, the General Federation is the largest organization of women in the world with a membership in excess of 10 million members in thousands of clubs and associate organizations throughout the United States and abroad.

The object of the General Federation, as stated in its charter, is to bring into communication and to unite the women's clubs and like organizations throughout the world for the purpose of mutual benefit and for the promotion of their common interest in educational, industrial, philanthropic, literary, artistic, and policy. Membership in the General Federation consists of women's clubs and organizations whose work and purpose are germane to the objectives of the General Federation. Each application for membership must show that the organization requires no partisan political test for membership, that it is not a secret society, and that it does not tolerate, either by practice or teaching, any violation of State or national laws.

The real and personal estate of the General Federation consists primarily of three adjacent buildings in Washington, D.C.: 1734 N Street, N.W., purchased in 1922; 1738 N Street, N.W., purchased in 1951; and 1728 N Street, N.W., purchased in 1959. The main building at 1734 N Street, N.W. is a handsome five-story residence originally built in 1875 by Admiral William Radford. The International President of the General Federation lives in this building during her 2-year term of office. The reception area has been the scene for entertainment of prominent visitors as well as Government officials and Members of Congress. This building also houses the office of the President where business for the Federation is handled by a staff of 30 people under her direction. Offices of the Federation are also located in the two adjoining buildings.

The General Federation has petitioned the Congress to amend the Act entitled "An Act granting a charter to the General Foundation of Women's Clubs" approved March 3, 1901, as amended by an Act approved April 28, 1904, as amended by an Act approved April 6, 1922, as amended by an Act approved June 7, 1934.

The previous amendments detailed above were made necessary to compensate for the changing value of the three buildings of the General Federation. It is necessary to again petition Congress for an amendment because as the result of the inflationary spiral and the increase of land values the value of the property has again exceeded the amount designated by the charter.

In view of the fact that this has been a recurring problem involving the same properties, it is provided that the monetary figure be deleted and that the corporation be permitted to hold, manage and dispose of corporate property as provided in its charter in accordance with the purpose of its incorporation.

The committee amendment to the bill adds a new section 2 to the bill amending section 1 of Public Law 88-504 (78 Stat. 635; 36 U.S.C. 1101) to add a new item (49) providing—

"(49) General Federation of Women's Clubs".

This adds the General Federation of Women's Clubs to the list of similar organizations contained in Public Law 88-504 and thereby makes the corporation subject to the requirements of having an annual audit and making a report of that audit to the Congress as provided

in sections 2 and 3 of that same law. Public Law 88-504 originated as a bill before this committee and embodies the policy that such federal corporations should be subject to those requirements.

The committee recommends that the amended bill be considered favorably.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 2 of clause 3 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

Section 2 of the Act of March 3, 1901 (Ch. 859, 31 Stat. 1438) as amended.

"Sec. 2. That the said corporation is authorized to acquire, by devise, bequest, or otherwise, hold, purchase, and convey such real and personal estate as shall or may be required for the purpose of its incorporation [not exceeding \$1,500,000,] with authority in said corporation, should it be by it deemed necessary so to do, to mortgage or otherwise encumber the real estate which it may hereafter own or acquire and may give therefor such evidences of indebtedness as such corporation may decide upon."

PUBLIC LAW 88-504—AUG. 30, 1964 (78 STAT. 635, 36 U.S.C. 1101, 1102, 1103)

AN ACT To provide for audit of accounts of private corporations established under Federal law

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the term "private corporations established under Federal law" as used in this Act means the following organizations:

- (1) Agricultural Hall of Fame.
- (2) American Chemical Society.
- (3) American Historical Association.
- (4) The American Legion.
- (5) The American National Theater and Academy.
- (6) American Society of International Law.
- (7) American Symphony Orchestra League.
- (8) American War Mothers.
- (9) AMVETS (American Veterans of World War II).
- (10) Belleau Wood Memorial Association.
- (11) Big Brothers of America.
- (12) Blinded Veterans Association.
- (13) Blue Star Mothers of America.
- (14) Board for Fundamental Education.
- (15) Boy Scouts of America.
- (16) Boys' Clubs of America.
- (17) Civil Air Patrol.
- (18) Conference of State Societies, Washington, District of Columbia.
- (19) The Congressional Medal of Honor Society of the United States of America.

- (20) Daughters of the American Revolution.
- (21) Disabled American Veterans.
- (22) The Foundation of the Federal Bar Association.
- (23) Future Farmers of America.
- (24) Girl Scouts of America.
- (25) Grand Army of the Republic.
- (26) Jewish War Veterans, U.S.A., National Memorial, Inc.
- (27) Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- (28) Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Incorporated.
- (29) Marine Corps League.
- (30) Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America.
- (31) Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America.
- (32) National Academy of Sciences.
- (33) National Conference on Citizenship.
- (34) National Fund for Medical Education.
- (35) National Music Council.
- (36) National Safety Council.
- (37) National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.
- (38) The National Yeomen F.
- (39) Naval Sea Cadet Corps.
- (40) Navy Club of the United States of America.
- (41) Reserve Officers Association.
- (42) Sons of the American Revolution.
- (43) Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
- (44) United Spanish War Veterans.
- (45) United States Blind Veterans of World War I.
- (46) United States Olympic Association.
- (47) Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.
- (48) Veterans of World War I of the United States of America.
- (49) *General Federation of Women's Clubs.*

SEC. 2. The accounts of private corporations established under Federal law shall be audited annually in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by independent certified public accountants or independent licensed public accountants, certified or licensed by a regulatory authority of a State or other political subdivision of the United States. The audits shall be conducted at the place or places where the accounts of the corporations are normally kept. All books, accounts, financial records, reports, files, and all other papers, things, or property belonging to or in use by the corporations and necessary to facilitate the audits shall be made available to the person or persons conducting the audits; and full facilities for verifying transactions with the balances or securities held by depositories, fiscal agents, and custodians shall be afforded to such person or persons.

SEC. 3. The report of each such independent audit shall be submitted to the Congress not later than six months following the close of the fiscal year for which the audit was made. The report shall set forth the scope of the audit and include such statements as are necessary to present fairly the corporation's assets and liabilities, surplus

or deficit with an analysis of the changes therein during the year, supplemented in reasonable detail by a statement of the corporation's income and expenses during the year including the results of any trading, manufacturing, publishing, or other commercial-type endeavor carried on by the corporation, together with the independent auditor's opinion of those statements. The report shall not be printed as a public document, except as part of proceedings authorized to be printed under the Act of March 2, 1931, chapter 378, section 1, as amended.

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Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five*

An Act

To amend the Act entitled "An Act granting a charter to the General Federation of Women's Clubs".

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act granting a charter to the General Federation of Women's Clubs", approved March 3, 1901, as amended by an Act approved April 28, 1904, as amended by an Act approved June 7, 1934, be, and the same are hereby, amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. That the said corporation is authorized to acquire, by devise, bequest, or otherwise, hold, purchase, and convey such real and personal estate as shall or may be required for the purpose of its incorporation with authority in said corporation, should it be by it deemed necessary so to do, to mortgage or otherwise encumber the real estate which it may hereafter own or acquire and may give therefor such evidences of indebtedness as such corporation may decide upon."

SEC. 2. Section 1 of Public Law 88-504 (78 Stat. 635; 36 U.S.C. 1101) is amended by adding a new item 49, as follows:

"(49) General Federation of Women's Clubs."

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

December 10, 1975

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on December 10th:

S. 240 ✓
H.R. 9005

Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of these bills as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
Chief Executive Clerk

The Honorable James T. Lynn
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C.