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Senate Passes Measure For Women's Conference

The Senate yesterday passed by voice vote a bill to hold a National Women's Conference in 1976 as a part of the Bicentennial year. It would be preceded by state or regional conferences throughout the nation.

The bill was passed by the House on Wednesday, by 252-162, and it now goes to President Ford for his signature. The President

objective women have sought for years.

The measure was introduced in the Senate by Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., and in the House by Rep. Bella Abzug, D-NY.

The measure directs the U. S. Commission on International Women's Year to organize the conferences.

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Women's Coalition to Press for Right

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BY MARLENE CIMONS
Times Staff Writer

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11-Point Women's Agenda Presented at Capitol Rally

By Isabelle Shelton
Washington Star Staff Writer

Women representing about 50 national women's organizations gathered on the steps of the Capitol today to formally present an 11-point National Women's Agenda to

women's organizations, with a membership of 30 million.

THE WOMEN also sought to meet with President Ford before his departure for China, but said they were turned

After listening to several other speeches, the women fastened copies of the agenda to the big front double doors of the Capitol and then filtered out through the House and Senate office buildings to present the

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(WOMEN)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- A COALITION OF MORE THAN 90 DIVERSE WOMEN'S GROUPS TODAY KICKED OFF A NATIONWIDE DRIVE TO WIN AN 11-POINT PROGRAM FOR FULL EQUALITY.

THE WOMEN'S DEMANDS, KNOWN AS THE "U.S. NATIONAL WOMEN'S AGENDA," WAS DELIVERED TO EVERY CONGRESSMAN AND SENATOR FOLLOWING A RALLY ON THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL. IT ALSO WAS PRESENTED TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS AROUND THE NATION.

"THIS IS NOTHING NEW," REP. PAT SCHRODER, D-COLO., SAID OF THE AGENDA. "WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT FOREVER. BUT NOW WE'RE SAYING WE'RE COMMITTED TO IT."

THE WOMEN'S AGENDA CALLS FOR EQUAL PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS; EQUAL EDUCATION; MEANINGFUL WORK AND ADEQUATE PAY; EQUAL ACCESS TO ECONOMIC POWER; QUALITY CHILD CARE; QUALITY HEALTH CARE; ADEQUATE HOUSING; FAIRNESS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM; FAIRNESS IN THE MEDIA AND ARTS; PHYSICAL SAFETY, AND RESPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL.

DRAWN UP BY A COALITION KNOWN AS "WOMEN'S ACTION ALLIANCE," THE AGENDA REPRESENTS THE FIRST TIME SO MANY WOMEN'S GROUPS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO AGREE ON A COMMON PROGRAM.

EDITH SLOAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON HOUSEHOLD EMPLOYMENT, TOLD THE CAPITOL HILL RALLY THAT PRESIDENT FORD REPEATEDLY HAS REFUSED TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS FROM WOMEN'S GROUPS TO MEET WITH HIM. SHE SAID THIS INDICATES HE IS NOT COMMITTED TO WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

"THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES MUST RESPOND TO OUR CHALLENGE," SHE SAID. "WE HOPE THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL RECONSIDER AND MEET WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF WOMEN."

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REPRESENTATIVES OF WOMEN'S GROUPS WILL STAGE A CEREMONY ON THE EAST STEPS TO THE CAPITOL TUESDAY TO PRESENT TO THE NATION "THE FIRST U.S. NATIONAL WOMEN'S AGENDA." REPS. PAT SCHROEDER AND MARGARET HECKLER, JILL RUCKELSHAUS AND OTHERS WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING. THE WOMEN'S ACTION ALLIANCE IN NEW YORK IS COORDINATING. CONTACT: RUTH ABRAM, (212) 685-0800.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- A COALITION KNOWN AS "WOMEN'S ACTION ALLIANCE" HAS DRAFTED AN 11-POINT PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE "U.S. NATIONAL WOMEN'S AGENDA".

MEMBERS OF THE GROUP DELIVERED IT YESTERDAY TO THE OFFICE OF EVERY REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATOR IN CONGRESS AFTER WORKING UP STEAM AT A RALLY ON THE CAPITOL STEPS. THE AGENDA CALLS FOR EQUAL PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS; EQUAL EDUCATION; MEANINGFUL WORK AND ADEQUATE PAY; EQUAL ACCESS TO ECONOMIC POWER; QUALITY CHILD CARE; QUALITY HEALTH CARE; ADEQUATE HOUSING; FAIRNESS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM; FAIRNESS IN THE MEDIA AND ARTS; PHYSICAL SAFETY AND RESPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL.

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**Campaign to Adopt
'Women's Agenda'
A 'Women's Agenda'**

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Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 — A coalition of 93 national women's organizations open drive today.

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NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
BY PEGGY SIMPSON

WASHINGTON (AP) -- THE HOUSE, APPROVING PLANS FOR A "NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE" TO ASSESS THE PLACE OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY, HAS AUTHORIZED \$5 MILLION TO BE SPENT ON THE PROJECT.

BY A 252 TO 162 VOTE, THE HOUSE AUTHORIZED THE MONEY FOR A SERIES OF STATE AND REGIONAL MEETINGS NEXT YEAR LEADING UP TO A NATIONAL CONFERENCE. THE SENATE IS EXPECTED TO TAKE THE BILL UP SHORTLY.

REP. BELLA ABZUG, D-N.Y., PRAISED THE MEN WHO SPOKE UP FOR THE BILL AND WHO ARGUED IT WAS TIME FOR WOMEN TO MEET TO "EVALUATE WHERE AMERICAN WOMEN ARE AT, WHERE THEY WANT TO GO AND HOW TO GET THERE."

CONSERVATIVES HAD OPPOSED THE BILL ON GROUNDS THAT THE CONFERENCES WOULD PROVIDE A FORUM FOR LOBBYISTS FOR THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT, WHICH BANS DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX. FOUR MORE STATES MUST RATIFY THE ERA BEFORE IT BECOMES PART OF THE CONSTITUTION.

THE SPONSORS APPARENTLY SURPRISED THE OPPONENTS OF THE MEASURE BY ACCEPTING AN AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT LOBBYING BY CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS.

REP. ROBERT BAUMAN, R-MD., SAID LITTLE WORTHWHILE WOULD EMERGE FROM THE MEETINGS AND PREDICTED THEY WOULD BE ONLY A SERIES OF COCKTAIL PARTIES CLIMAXED BY A REPORT WHICH NO ONE WOULD READ.

"ALL THIS TALK ABOUT DRINKING AND PARTYING IS A BUNCH OF BALONEY," SAID REP. PETER PEYSER, R-N.Y. "LET'S LISTEN TO THE RESULTS OF A CONFERENCE. LET'S LEARN SOMETHING. I HOPE THIS CONGRESS IS NOT GOING TO PUT ITS HAND OVER ITS EARS AND SAY WE DON'T WANT TO HEAR."

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- A MEMBER OF WOMEN FOR RESPONSIBLE LEGISLATION TODAY URGED CONGRESS DEFEAT LEGISLATION PROVIDING \$5 MILLION FOR A NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN 1976, CLAIMING THE MEETING WOULD ONLY "PROMOTE WOMEN'S LIB GOALS."

IN A TELEPHONE CALL TO UPI HERE, MRS. ANN BOCKER, OF TULSA, OKLA., WHO SAID SHE WAS A MEMBER OF WOMEN FOR RESPONSIBLE LEGISLATION, CRITICIZED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR PASSING WEDNESDAY BY A 262-152 VOTE, A BILL BY REP. PATSY MINK, D-HAWAII, THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR STATE CONFERENCES TO SELECT A MINIMUM OF 10 DELEGATES PER STATE FOR THE NATIONAL MEETING WHICH WOULD PROMOTE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, "EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN IN ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES."

THE CONFERENCE WOULD ASSESS PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING THE EQUALITY AND COME UP WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT FOR FURTHER STEPS NEEDED. THE PRESIDENT, IN TURN, WOULD HAVE TO SEND THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONGRESS.

MRS. BOCKER NOTED THE HOUSE CUT THE LEGISLATION FROM \$10 MILLION TO \$5 MILLION. BUT SHE SAID "WE DON'T WANT THOSE WOMEN'S LIBBERS TO HAVE EVEN FIVE CENTS OF TAX PAYERS MONEY. LET THEM RAISE MONEY BY BAKE SALES IF THEY STILL KNOW HOW TO BAKE."

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ABOUT WOMEN

Grand Opening at Women's Building

The Women's Building, forced to relocate last summer, will hold the grand opening of its new building at 1727 N. Spring St. on Saturday.

Special opening events from 4 p.m. to midnight will include performances, films, readings and concerts with Margie Adams and Miss Alice Stone Ladies Society Orchestra at 7 and 10 p.m.

and community colleges "which reflect adversely on persons because of their sex" and AB1010 (1972), giving pregnant teachers and their doctors the power to set the length of maternity leaves and giving teachers sick leave for pregnancy and childbirth. (AB1010 was defeated in committee. Its successor, AB1060, became law this year.)

Among 1976 projects, Holden says, will be preparing a request for federal funds under the Women's Educational Equity Act for NOW Education Task Force activities in implementation of state and federal regulations governing sex discrimination in education.

In a second, sharply worded letter to President Ford, members of the Working Committee of the U.S. National Women's Agenda criticized the President's refusal to meet with representatives of major women's organizations dur-

housewives' despair, according to Dr. James Dobson, USC professor and, recently, author of "What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women."

Dobson asked 4,000 women, middle-class, suburban housewives with small children, to rank 10 problems described most frequently by women he had counseled.

Eighty percent cited low self-esteem as a cause of depression in themselves, and more than half ranked it as their most important problem.

Second most common source of depression was fatigue and time pressure. Tied for third place were "loneliness, isolation and boredom" and "absence of romantic love in marriage."

The U.S. Department of Labor's Manpower Administration, once it uses up its old stationery, which it kept for

The department's Manpower magazine was included in the change. Renamed Womanpower for the November issue in honor of International Women's Year, it will be called Work Life beginning with the December issue.

The ETA administers the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) and the Work Incentive (WIN) program among others.

The First Women's Bank of California received its permit from the California superintendent of banks to sell 150,000 shares of common stock to the public at \$10 per share, which will result in capitalization of \$1.5 million.

Applications for stock subscriptions are available through the bank and must be returned to the bank at 12301 Wilshire Blvd. by Dec. 15.

Women Activists Tell the Candidates

By Isabelle Shelton
Washington Star Staff Writer

No matter what else happens between now and next November's Presidential election, one hoary political chestnut will surely have been laid to rest.

This is the male politician's familiar plaint — "but what do women REALLY want?"

If there is a Presidential candidate who is still asking that question by next summer's Republican and Democratic national conventions, he must have been living in Outer Siberia.

He may not like the thrust of some of the things women tell him they want. However, he will surely find that all women — like all men — do not agree at all times on all issues.

BUT ABOUT 33 MILLION women, represented in 90 organizations, got together last summer in support of a broad range of issues, which they are calling a National Women's Agenda. The groups include the YWCA, League of Women Voters, National Council of Negro Women, Church Women United, Association of Women Business Owners, Girls' Clubs of America, Junior League, National Women's Political Caucus, National Organization for Women and the National Gay Task Force Women's Committee.

Issues include ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, quality child care and health care; equal education, training and access to economic and political power; and recognition of the economic value of the work of housewives.

Activist Democratic women have been making extraordinary efforts to commit their big stable of Presidential candidates to the agenda — in writing. Or, if the candidates refuse to be committed, the women plan to make the refusals widely known. They would hope thus to have veto power over an uncooperative candidate.

Republican women activists say they plan to do the same thing, but they are slower getting started since the GOP contest only started when Ronald Regan jumped into the ring with President Ford.

A committee of the National Women's Agenda has denounced Ford for twice refusing to meet with them.

Democratic women, who include the backers of Presidential candidates, have embraced the agenda as its Democratic Women's Agenda, and are pressing it with the candidates at every opportunity.

Those have been numerous, thanks to the series of candidate conferences held around the country, this fall, by party liberals.

Women have turned out in force at all five, and were credited by some admiring male politicians with being "the only organized force" present at those sessions.

AT THE REGIONAL conferences in Minneapolis,

Atlanta, Los Angeles, Baltimore and Springfield, Mass., the women plotted their strategy carefully. They made certain there were women on each of the panels that questioned the candidates — a plan that ran into some difficulty in Los Angeles, causing women backers of several candidates to join forces to show some muscles.

At women's caucus meetings the night before each conference they carefully went over the issues they wanted to see raised, assigned priorities, and parcelled out assignments so that important questions would come from the audience if they had not been raised by the panel.

Not all of the candidates came, of course, and the cast of characters shifted somewhat from one conference to the next.

Birch Bayh, Jimmy Carter, Fred Harris, Terry Sanford, Milton Shapp, Sargent Shriver and Morris Udall attended some or all of the time. Only Lloyd Bentsen, Henry Jackson and George Wallace did not attend at all — perhaps wary of the liberal sponsorship of the conferences.

Women see the fall conferences as just the beginning of the process of educating and sensitizing male candidates to women's issues.

"What is important is less the candidate's answer than the fact that they have been confronted each time with well-organized, well-informed women.

"That is going to have the greatest impact of all," says Ann Lewis, who is Deputy Campaign Manager for Birch Bayh, but also is one of the leading political strategists in the National Women's Political Caucus, whose Democratic Task Force is cooperating with the Democratic National Committee's women's caucus in pressing the women's agenda on all their party's candidates.

"**WE WANT TO BE** sure the candidates are confronted with women's concerns again and again and again," says Mildred Jeffrey, coordinator of the national caucus's Democratic Task Force, who also is Democratic National Committeewoman from Michigan and a longtime leader in the United Auto Workers Union.

When the process of "educating," the candidates got a trial run at last summer's National Women's politi-

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