

MEMORANDUM

August 3, 1983

TO: Dennis

FROM: Chris BN

RE: Accomplishments Update

Women's Economic Equity Act

- original cosponsor of Women's Economic Equity Act (S. 888); first introduced on April 7, 1982 with 9 cosponsors.
- reintroduced on March 23, 1983 (98th Congress) with 29 cosponsors; referred to Senate Finance Committee, hearings held on June 21-22; still pending.

Equal Rights Amendment

- organized meetings with women's groups, sent Dear Colleague, meetings with other Senate staffs for reintroduction of ERA (March-June, 1982).
- coordinated colloquy on Senate floor on ERA (July 1, 1982) with then 49 cosponsors; wrote floor statements, prepared briefing book.
- organized reintroduction of ERA (July 14, 1982) in Senate, followed by press conference on Capitol steps. Over 100 members of Congress, as well as representatives of all major women's groups attended. National coverage on TV, radio, print media. No legislative action on the bill this year.
- planned and implemented strategy with women's groups to gather more Senate cosponsors (fall 1982).
- organized reintroduction of ERA in 98th Congress on Jan. 26, 1983 with 57 cosponsors. (S.J. Res. 10) Bill referred to Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Constitution. Chairman Hatch held hearings on May 26, 1983. PT was first witness. Further hearings planned for September 1983.
- mailings to both Washington and Massachusetts women's groups on a regular basis (125 names).

Fair Insurance Practices Act - S. 372

- part of Women's Economic Equity Act, PT is a cosponsor.
- introduced in 97th Congress (PT didn't cosponsor separate bill), referred to Commerce Committee. No action.
- reintroduced in 98th Congress with 14 cosponsors (PT cosponsored in July 1983.)
- hearings held in Senate Commerce Committee May, 1983. Further hearings expected in September 1983.