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ADJOURNMENT ADDENDUM TO:

LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN
ENACTED BY, OR PENDING, IN THE 93rd CONGRESS

Between the time that this report was prepared, in May, 1974, and the adjournment and expiration of the 93rd Congress, legislative action took place on a number of bills affecting the rights of women. Among others, the following bills were enacted by the 93rd Congress:

H.R. 3218, to establish uniform age qualifications for male and female enlistees in the armed forces;

H.R. 7824, the Legal Services Corporation Act, containing an amendment limiting the use of funds for abortions;

H.R. 69, the Education Amendments of 1974, including provisions of the Women's Educational Equity Act;

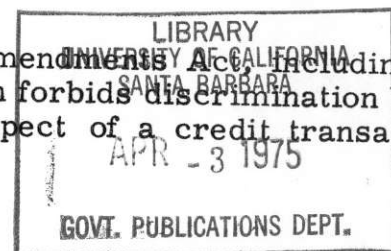
H.J. Res. 1105, authorizing the President to proclaim August 26, 1974, to be "Women's Equality Day;"

S. 3066, the Housing and Community Development Act, which contains provisions forbidding sex discrimination in housing and mortgage lending;

H. R. 2, the private pension bill, which includes provisions of particular interest to women;

H.R. 13871, the Federal Employees Compensation Act, which includes provisions which provide equality of treatment for male and female federal employees in terms of benefits to spouses in cases of death or work injury;

H.R. 11221, the Depository Institutions Amendment Act, including the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, which forbids discrimination based on sex or marital status in any aspect of a credit transaction;



S. 3204, to eliminate sex discrimination in the youth programs of the Naval Sea Cadets Corps; and

H. R. 8864, to eliminate sex discrimination in the membership practices of Little League Baseball, Inc.

The following subject areas and page numbers correspond to those in the attached Congressional Research Service report:

- p. 5: The Foreign Assistance Act (P.L. 93-189, 87 Stat. 714) also includes an amendment offered by Senator Percy which provides that in administering financial assistance, particular attention is to be given to "programs, projects and activities which tend to integrate women into the national economies of foreign countries, thus improving their status and assisting the total development effort."

ABORTION:

ADD:

An amendment to H.R. 15580, the Departments of Labor-HEW Appropriations Act, 1975, was introduced by Senator Bartlett and adopted by the Senate on September 17, 1974, to bar the use of the appropriated funds to pay for or encourage the performance of abortions except when necessary to save the life of a mother. The amendment was deleted in the Committee of Conference (see H. Rept. 93-1489, filed in the House, November 21, 1974).

- p. 9: H.R. 3153, to amend the Social Security Act, died in conference.

H.R. 7824, the Legal Services Corporation Act, as amended, received final approval by the House on July 16, and the Senate on July 25, 1974. The President signed it into law on July 25, 1974 (P.L. 93-355).

ADD:

H.R. 4449, the Community Services Act, was passed by the House on May 29, 1974, with an amendment offered by Representative Froelich which provides "No financial assistance shall be extended under this section for medical assistance and supplies in cases of abortion or sterilization." The amendment was adopted by a recorded vote of 290 ayes to 91 noes, but was dropped in the Committee of Conference (see H. Rept. 93-1639, filed in the House on December 19, 1974).

p. 12: ADD:
H. Res. 1180
Symington, D. -Mo.

6/14/74
 Judiciary

Requests that each of the several states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Canal Zone, American Samoa, and the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands conduct a survey or study to determine the views of their citizens with respect to abortion laws.

CHILD CARE:

p. 14: ADD:
S. 3754
Mondale, D. -Minn.

7/11/74
 Labor and Public Welfare

Child and Family Services Act of 1974 -- Incorporates the major principles of the child development provisions of the Economic Opportunity Amendments of 1971, which Congress passed and the President vetoed, and the Comprehensive Head Start, Child Development and Family Services Act which passed the Senate in 1972. Authorizes over \$1.85 billion during a three year period for child care services for preschool age children, medical services for new mothers, family counseling, health diagnosis and treatment programs for children.

*STATUS: Joint hearings held August 8 and 9, 1974, by the Senate Subcommittees on Children and Youth and Employment, Poverty and Migratory Labor; and the House Subcommittee on Select Education.

CREDIT AND HOUSING:

pp. 16-17: H.R. 8393

*STATUS: Included in S. 3066, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. S. 3066 received final approval by the Senate on August 13, and the House on August 15, 1974. It was signed by the President on August 22, 1974 (P.L. 93-383). The statute contains provisions of both the House and Senate versions of the bill, which relate to sex discrimination in housing. Retained from the House bill are provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in carrying out community development programs and provides for a procedure to terminate or reduce grant payments in the case of noncompliance (Sec. 109). House provisions were also retained which amend the National Housing Act to prohibit discrimination based on sex in federally-related mortgage loans, insurance guaranty, or related assistance; and requires lenders to consider

the combined incomes of husbands and wives in extending mortgage credit (Sec. 808). Provisions of the Senate bill were retained which amend the Civil Rights Act of 1968 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex in the financing, sale, or rental of housing or the provision of brokerage services (Sec. 808).

p. 17: S. 3492

*STATUS: Added as a Senate floor amendment to H.R. 11221, the Depository Institutions Amendments of 1973, on June 13, 1974. Retained in Conference, the provision known as the Equal Credit Opportunity Act amends the Consumer Credit Protection Act to forbid discrimination on the basis of sex or marital status in credit transactions. Passed the House October 9, and the Senate October 10, 1974. Approved October 28, 1974 (P.L. 93-495).

H.R. 14856

*STATUS: Hearings held by House Consumer Affairs Subcommittee, June 20-21, 1974.

ADD:

H.R. 16963

Sullivan, D. -Missouri

10/2/74

Banking and Currency

To prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, sex or marital status in the granting of credit.

H.R. 17555

Sullivan, D. -Missouri

12/3/74

Banking and Currency

To amend the Equal Credit Opportunity Act also to forbid discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, and age, and for other purposes.

EDUCATION:

ADD:

The language of the manager's statement on the conference report on the Labor-HEW Appropriations Act, 1975 (H.R. 15580) directs that the funds appropriated under its provisions are not to be used to enforce provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, with respect to "such organizations as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, Boys Clubs, Girls Clubs, YMCA, YWCA, sororities, fraternities, and similar organizations." It also states the agreement of the conferees that none of the appropriated funds are to be used to integrate physical education classes by sex and states that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, in enforcing Title IX, is placing an unreasonable amount of paperwork on educational institutions and directs the Secretary to discontinue this practice. The bill passed the House and Senate on November 26, 1974, and was approved on December 7, 1974 (P.L. 93-517).

ADD:
 S. 4163
 Bayh, D. -Indiana

11/18/74
 Labor and Public Welfare

To exempt fraternities and sororities from Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

*STATUS: By unanimous consent, on December 16, 1974, the Senate agreed to reconsider its action approving S.J. Res. 40, authorizing a White House Conference on Library and Information Sciences in 1976. Part of the agreement was in the form of an amendment proposed by Senator Birch Bayh to add a new section to the resolution to amend Title IX in order to exempt the membership practices of social fraternities and sororities and voluntary youth service organizations, the membership of which have traditionally been limited to persons of one sex, and principally to persons under age 19. The amendment was retained in the conference version which passed the House December 19, and the Senate December 20, 1974. It was approved December 31, 1974 (P.L. 93-568).

pp. 19-20: ADD TO TEXT:

On June 11, 1974, the conference committee on H.R. 69, the Education Amendments of 1974, dropped the "Tower Amendment" and approved a compromise measure which states, "reasonable provisions considering the nature of particular sports" shall be included in publication of the proposed Title IX regulations. The conference committee also required that these regulations be issued within 30 days of the enactment of H.R. 69. Actually, HEW issued the regulations in proposed form on June 20, 1974. The Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 69 on July 24, 1974, and the House agreed on July 31, 1974. The President approved the measure on August 21, 1974 (P.L. 93-380). The new law includes the provisions of the Women's Educational Equity Act (H.R. 208 and S. 2518) in Sec. 408.

p. 20: S. 2771 was approved May 10, 1974 (P.L. 93-277; 76 Stat. 467; 79 Stat. 547). The Senate receded on the issue of admission of to military academies (see conference report, H. Rept. 93-985).

H.R. 9832

*STATUS: Hearings held by Subcommittee No. 2, House Armed Services Committee, on this bill and related bill, H.R. 10705, beginning May 29, 1974.

ADD UNDER Admissions to Military Academies:

On September 11, 1974, the Senate added an amendment introduced by Senator Edward Kennedy to H.R. /6136, for Military Construction Authorizations, Fiscal Year 1975, to authorize construction funds for the service academies to be used for whatever construction might be necessary to admit women to the academies.

*STATUS: Provisions dropped in conference (see H. Rept. 93-1545, filed in the House December 10, 1974).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

ADD:

The Senate on September 24, 1974, adopted an amendment offered by Senator Mathias to S. 3585, the Health Professions Education bill, to require the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to issue regulations concerning sex discrimination in health institutions. The bill died in conference.

- p. 21: S. 2022
 *STATUS: Senate Committee on Post Office and Civil Service ordered reported, with amendments, August 6, 1974. Reported in Senate September 11, 1974; ordered transferred in calendar under subjects on the table, December 11, 1974.
- p. 22: H.R. 3418
 *STATUS: Passed Senate May 14, 1974. Approved May 24, 1974 (P.L. 93-290; 88 Stat. 173).

EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS:

- p. 23: H.R. 1502 (incorrectly listed as H.R. 1501)
 *STATUS: Provisions included in H.R. 13871, Federal Employees Compensation Amendments, which received final approval from the Senate August 12, and the House August 19, 1974. Approved September 7, 1974 (P.L. 93-416).
- H.R. 1503. Correction. Referred to Armed Services Committee.
- p. 25: H.R. 2
 *STATUS: The conference committee on the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (private pension bill) retained a number of provisions of particular interest to women: In final form, the act includes a modified version of the Abzug amendment, setting the minimum age for vesting eligibility at 25, at which time an employee must receive at least three years credit toward a vesting arrangement if he or she has worked for the employer at least three years. It includes provision for a break-in-service based on the principle of parity: that is, generally, an employee

who has worked for an employer two years could take a two year break-in-service without losing vesting time. It includes the mandatory survivor's option, coverage for part time workers who work at least 1000 hours a year, limited portability, and the extension of retirement provisions for the self-employed. ~~_____~~.

H.R. 2 received final approval by the House on August 20, 1974, and the Senate on August 22, 1974. President Ford signed the measure into law on Labor Day, September 2, 1974 (P.L. 93-406).

p. 29: For S. 2949, substitute:

H.R. 12154
Collins, D. -Illinois

1/21/74
Ways and Means

Includes breast prothesis among the items and services for which payments may be made under the supplementary medical insurance program.

p. 31: For H.R. 12917, substitute:

H.R. 12629
Collings, D. Illinois

2/6/74
Interstate and Foreign Commerce

Prohibits the use of federal funds for sterilization of a person less than 18 years of age, unless such sterilization is indispensable to prevent a serious threat to the patient's physical health.

ADD:
H.R. 17512
Koch (D. -N.Y.),
Carter (R. -Ky).

11/25/74
Interstate and Foreign Commerce

To establish programs to assist research in fertility, sterility and the reproductive process.

RAPE:

p. 33: ADD:
H.R. 14223
Abzug, D. -N.Y.

4/11/74
Judiciary

To amend Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a National Center for the Prevention and Control of Rape and Other Sexual Assaults, and to provide financial assistance for a research and demonstration program into the causes, consequences, prevention, treatment, and control of rape and other sexual assaults.

S. 2422

*STATUS: Modified version added as Title VIII of H.R. 14214, the Health Revenue Sharing and Health Services Act of 1974, to establish an administrative unit within the National Institute of Mental Health (Dept. of HEW) for rape prevention and control programs for a two year period. The conference version of the bill was approved by the Senate on December 9, and the House on December 10, 1974, but did not become public law as the result of a pocket veto, effective December 23, 1974.

ADD:

S. Res. 442
Bentsen, D. -Texas

10/7/74
Judiciary

To authorize and require the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration to conduct a conference on rape before December 13, 1974, to study the incidence of rape and the manner in which it could be prevented and controlled.

TAX STRUCTURE:

p. 36: ADD:
H.R. 14773
Holtzman, D. -N.Y.

5/14/74
Ways and Means

Provides, under the Internal Revenue Code, a tax deduction for dependent care expenses for married taxpayers who are employed part time, or who are students. Prohibits a reduction in such deduction by the amount of income or payments received by an incapacitated spouse or dependent.

TRIBUTES AND OBSERVANCES:

p. 39: ADD:
H.J. Res. 1105
Abzug, D. -N.Y.

8/21/74
Judiciary

Authorizes the President to designate August 26, 1974, as "Women's Equality Day."

*STATUS: Passed the House on August 19, 1974, and the Senate on August 20, 1974. Approved August 22, 1974 (P.L. 93-382).

S. 3188
Jackson, D. -Wash.

3/19/74
Interior and Insular Affairs

To establish the Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site, and for other purposes. This house is the headquarters for the National Woman's Party.

*STATUS: Hearings held by the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, May 31, 1974. Reported to the Senate (S. Rept. 93-938) June 17, 1974. Passed Senate June 19, 1974. Referred to House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

S. 3700
Mathias, R. -Md.

6/25/74
Interior and Insular Affairs

Provides for the establishment of the Clara Barton House National Historic Site in the state of Maryland. Authorizes appropriations for that purpose.

*STATUS: Reported to the Senate (S. Rept. 93-1020) July 18, 1974. Passed Senate, amended, July 22, 1974. Referred in House to Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS:

p. 41: H.R. 8864

*STATUS: On June 12, 1974, Little League Baseball, Inc., announced it was reversing its position against allowing little girls to try out for its baseball teams, and would petition Congress to change its charter. Subcommittee No. 4 of the House Judiciary Committee held a hearing on the bill September 12, 1974. Passed House November 18, and Senate December 16, 1974. Approved December 26, 1974 (P.L. 93-551).

H.R. 13054 (incorrectly listed as H.R. 1305)

*STATUS: Senate passed S. 3204, October 2, 1974. House passed S. 3204 in lieu of S. 13054, November 18, 1974. Approved November 29, 1974 (P.L. 93-504).

ADD:

An amendment introduced by Senator Charles Percy to S. 3394, the Foreign Assistance Act of 1974, was retained in the conference version of the bill. It requests the President to instruct each United States representative to an international organization to which this nation is a member, to operate in a manner to encourage and promote integration of women into the national economies of member and recipient countries and into professional and policy-making positions within such organizations. Passed the Senate December 17, and the House, December 18, 1974. Approved December 30, 1974 (P.L. 93-559).

ADD:

H.R. 4752
Abzug, D. -N.Y.

5/14/74
Judiciary

Equality Act. Prohibits discrimination on account of sex, marital status or sexual orientation (defined as choice of sexual partner according to gender) in places of public accommodation and under color of state law; in public facilities or public educa-

tion; in federally assisted programs, and in housing sales, rentals, financing and brokerage services. Provides penalties for anyone who willfully injures, intimidates or interferes with any person because of his or her sex, marital status or sexual orientation.

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