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NATIONAL WOMEN♦S HISTORY MUSEUM UPDATE

GPO/WEP PUBLIC FORUM

The National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform will hold a public forum on June 30 and is soliciting comments via e-mail about matters which concern that committee which includes GPO/WEP. You can e-mail the Commission at commission@fc.eop.gov. Share with the Commission your story about how the offsets have impacted you, or will impact you, when you retire. Urge Commission members to call for repeal of the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision.

NATIONAL WOMEN S HISTORY MUSEUM UPDATE

National Women's History Museum Act of 2009 (S.2129, H.R.1700) which gives the National Women's History Museum, Inc. property in the District of Columbia on which to build the National Women's History Museum has passed both houses of Congress; however, due to an omission in the original bills, both will have to be amended and the amended version passed by both houses. It is not anticipated that there will be additional problems in getting a bill passed.

For program ideas and lesson plans visit http://nwhm.org/education-resources/

For on-line information on specific bills go to http://thomas.loc.gov/

CONTACT ADDRESSES FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through Congressional Switchboard 1-866-327-8670 (this is a toll free number). You can contact your Congressman and Senator through this number without paying long distance charges.

<u>http://www.house.gov/</u> for members of the House of Representatives http://www.senate.gov/ for members of the U.S. Senate

STATE GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through

<u>http://www.emailyourgovernor.com/</u> Information available at this site allows contact with governors, members of the state legislature, state supreme court, congressional delegation and state agencies such as the Education Department, Attorney General, Motor Vehicles Department and Voter Registration.

INFORMATION ON HOW YOUR CONGRESSMAN VOTED ON KEY BILLS

http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/111/bills/

FIVE CONSTITUENT CONTACTS WILL CAUSE A LEGISLATOR TO PAY SERIOUS ATTENTION TO A GIVEN ISSUE.

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