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This publication is intended for your information about issues important to education, women and children. How you choose to use the information included here is up to each individual.

End of session report on disposition of pending legislation.

PAYCHECK FAIRNESS

GPO/WEP

National women's history museum

HEART FOR WOMEN ACT

TITLE IX LEGISLATION

PAYCHECK FAIRNESS

The Paycheck Fairness Act died in the Senate without a vote being taken.

GPO/WEP

GPO/WEP died in committee in the Senate.

National women's history museum

After passing the House of Representatives on a voice vote and unanimously passing the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works in the 2009-10 session of Congress, two senators -- Jim DeMint (R, SC) and Tom Coburn (R, OK) -- placed holds on the bill. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid agreed to attach the bill to two other larger bills at the end of the session but neither bill came to the floor. Ultimately, Senator Reid ran out of time. Senators DeMint and Coburn should not prevent the recognition and honoring of women's lives and their contributions to shaping our nation. The mission of the National Women's History Museum is to build the first ever national museum in Washington, D.C., dedicated exclusively to women's history. It will be centrally located near the world's most prestigious museums and monuments in our Nation's Capital. A new bill will be introduced in the 2011-12 session of Congress.

NWHM plans to hire a female architect. The Museum will be the first museum on the Mall designed by a woman.

HEART FOR WOMEN ACT

Part of the original bill was placed in the large health care bill passed in 2010. The part of the bill which required studies of heart disease in women and access to diagnosis and treatment of women's heart disease was not passed and will be reintroduced in the next session of Congress.

TITLE IX LEGISLATION

The Title IX legislation introduced in both the House and the Senate was not passed.

CONTACT ADDRESSES FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

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

White House [1-202-456-1111](tel:1-202-456-1111)

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<http://www.emailyourgovernor.com/> 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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME OF THIS INFORMATION MAY BE OUT OF DATE

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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