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The early registration deadline for NLS is approaching – **February 18, 2012**. The registration form for the National Legislative Seminar can be found at **The U. S. FORUM WEB SITE** http://deltakappagamma.org/US-Forum/index.html The U.S. Forum Committee has made coming to NLS more affordable this year by negotiating lower hotel rates (\$129/night as opposed to \$260/night), holding the seminar in a hotel which provides breakfast as part of the hotel room charge, and including some meals in the registration fee (in addition to free breakfast for hotel registrants, lunch on Monday will be provided as part of the registration fee).

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2011

It is all our interests that the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011 (S.1925) is passed. Among other things this act would expand the protection to include more protection for female college students on campus. If your senator is not among those listed below, please call and urge him/her to support this bill by signing on as a cosponsor. You can call the office of your senator through the Congressional Switchboard's toll free number 1-866-327-8670. Sponsor – Sen Leahy, Patrick J. [VT]
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