WOMEN'S ISSUES LEGISLATIVE PACKET

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Relevant Caucuses

Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues

CLR is a member.

21st Century Health Care Caucus

Key leaders in the United States House of Representatives decided in 2004 to launch a bipartisan organization of House Members who seek to expand the use of information and information technology to drive measurable improvements in the quality, safety, and efficiency of healthcare. <u>The Caucus</u> is co-chaired by Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA) and Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI).

CLR is a member.

Congressional Labor and Working Families Caucus

The purpose of the Congressional Labor and Working Families Caucus is to protect workers' rights and American families by developing and implementing a pro-labor agenda in the United States Congress. The Caucus will also provide information and educate Members of Congress on issues that impact labor and working families.

CLR is a member.

Congressional Study Group on Public Health

This organization is dedicated to educating members and staff about public health efforts and the work of the CDC.

CLR is a member.

Congressional Caucus on Infant Health and Safety

The caucus will lead advocacy efforts to increase awareness, educate Congressional members, build bipartisan relationships and offer policies to help improve and enhance infant and child health, safety and survival. Through the leadership of co-chairs Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Representative Lois Capps (D-CA) and Representative Shelly Moore Capito (R-WV), initial efforts will focus on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), late-term stillbirths and sleep-related infant deaths.

CLR is a member.

Congressional Children's Caucus

CLR is a member.

Congressional Wellness Caucus

The Congressional Wellness Caucus aims to highlight awareness of the benefits of workplace wellness and companies whose programs promote it

CLR is a member.

Congressional Children's Health Care Caucus

The caucus advances legislative initiatives that provide access to health coverage, ensure preventative care, seek cures for debilitating diseases and chronic conditions, and promote healthy living habits for America's children.

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CLR WOMEN'S ISSUES

INTEREST GROUP RATING

YEAR	ORGANIZATION	RATING
2010	FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN	70%
2009-2010	AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN	91%
2009	AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN	89%
2007-2008	AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN	100%
2007-2008	FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN	70%
2007-2008	NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN	100%
2007	AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN	100%

CONGRESSWOMAN LAURA RICHARDSON WOMEN'S ISSUES VOTE RECORD 112th Congress January 2012

1. Abortion Issues

02/18/2011 <u>Prohibiting Use of Federal Funds For Planned Parenthood</u> H. Amdt. 95 <u>CLR Voted: NO</u> Amendment Adopted - (240 - 185)

2. ARTS AND HUMANITIES
03/17/2011
Prohibiting Federal Funding of National Public Radio
H.R. 1076
CLR Voted: NO
Bill Passed – House (228 - 192)

3. BUDGET, SPENDING AND TAXES

04/15/2011 <u>2012 Budget</u> H. Con. Res. 34 <u>CLR VOTED: NO</u> Resolution Passed – House (235 - 193)

04/14/2011 <u>Full-Year Continuing Appropriations</u> H.R. 1473 <u>CLR VOTED: NO</u> Bill Passed – House (260 - 167)

04/13/2011 <u>Repealing the Prevention and Public Health Fund</u> H.R. 1217 <u>CLR VOTED: NO</u> Bill Passed – House (236 - 183)

04/09/2011 <u>Department of Defense and Additional Continuing Appropriations</u> H.R. 1363 CLR Voted: YES Concurrence Vote Passed - House (348 - 70) 04/07/2011 <u>Department of Defense and Additional Continuing Appropriations</u> H.R. 1363 <u>CLR VOTED: NO</u> Bill Passed - House (247 - 181)

04/07/2011 <u>Energy Tax Prevention Act</u> H.R. 910 <u>CLR VOTED: NO</u> Bill Passed - House (255 - 172)

04/01/2011 <u>Federal Aviation Administration Act</u> H.R. 658 <u>CLR VOTED: NO</u> Bill Passed - House (223 - 196)

03/30/2011 <u>Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act</u> H.R. 471 <u>CLR VOTED: NO</u> Bill Passed - House (225 - 195)

03/17/2011 <u>Prohibiting Federal Funding of National Public Radio</u> H.R. 1076 <u>CLR VOTED: NO</u> Bill Passed - House (228 - 192)

03/16/2011 <u>Terminating the Neighborhood Stabilization Program</u> H.R. 861 <u>CLR VOTED: NO</u> Bill Passed - House (242 - 182)

03/15/2011 <u>Additional Continuing Appropriations</u> H. J. Res. 48 <u>CLR VOTED: NO</u> Joint Resolution Passed - House (271 - 158)

03/11/2011 <u>Terminating the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program</u> H.R. 836 <u>CLR VOTED: NO</u> Bill Passed - House (242 - 177)

03/10/2011 <u>Terminating the Federal Housing Administration Refinance Program</u> H.R. 830 <u>CLR VOTED: NO</u> Bill Passed - House (256 - 171)

03/03/2011 <u>Repealing the Form 1099 Provision in the Health Care Law</u> H.R. 4 <u>CLR Voted: YES</u> Bill Passed - House (314 - 112)

03/01/2011 <u>Continuing Appropriations Amendments</u> H. J. Res. 44 <u>CLR VOTED: NO</u> Joint Resolution Passed - House (335 - 91)

4. BUSINESS AND CONSUMERS

03/03/2011 <u>Repealing the Form 1099 Provision in the Health Care Law</u> H.R. 4 <u>CLR Voted: YES</u> Bill Passed - House (314 - 112)

5. CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ELECTION ISSUES

01/26/2011 <u>Abolishing Federal Financing of Presidential Election Campaigns</u> H.R. 359 <u>CLR Voted: NO</u> Bill Passed - House (239 - 160)

6. DRUG ISSUES
06/10/2008
Assistance for Mexico and Central America for Anti-Drug Programs (Merida Program)
H.R. 6028
CLR Voted: YES
Bill Passed - House (311 - 106)

7. EDUCATION 03/30/2011 Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act H.R. 471 CLR Voted: NO Bill Passed - House (225 - 195)

02/18/2011 <u>Prohibits Funds for the Gainful Employment Rule</u> H. Amdt. 94 <u>CLR Voted: NO</u> Amendment Adopted - House (289 - 136)

8. ENERGY ISSUES

04/07/2011 <u>Energy Tax Prevention Act</u> H.R. 910 CLR Voted: NO Bill Passed - House (255 - 172)

9. Environmental Issues

04/07/2011 <u>Energy Tax Prevention Act</u> H.R. 910 <u>CLR Voted: NO</u> Bill Passed - House (255 - 172)

10. FOREIGN AID AND POLICY ISSUES

02/17/2011 <u>Reducing Federal Funding of the US Institute of Peace</u> H Amdt 69 <u>CLR Voted: NO</u> Amendment Adopted - House (268 - 163)

11. HEALTH ISSUES

04/13/2011 <u>Repealing the Prevention and Public Health Fund</u> H.R. 1217 <u>CLR Voted: NO</u> Bill Passed - House (236 - 183)

03/03/2011 <u>Repealing the Form 1099 Provision in the Health Care Law</u> H.R. 4 <u>CLR Voted: YES</u> Bill Passed - House (314 - 112)

01/19/2011 <u>Repealing the Health Care Bill</u> H.R. 2 <mark>CLR Voted: NO</mark> Bill Passed - House (245 - 189)

12. HOUSING AND PROPERTY ISSUES

03/29/2011 <u>Terminating the Home Affordable Modification Program</u> H.R. 839 <u>CLR Voted: NO</u> Bill Passed - House (252 - 170)

03/16/2011 <u>Terminating the Neighborhood Stabilization Program</u> H.R. 861 <u>CLR Voted: NO</u> Bill Passed - House (242 - 182)

03/11/2011 <u>Terminating the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program</u> H.R. 836 <u>CLR Voted: NO</u> Bill Passed - House (242 - 177)

03/10/2011 <u>Terminating the Federal Housing Administration Refinance Program</u> H.R. 830 <u>CLR Voted: NO</u> Bill Passed - House (256 - 171)

13. **LABOR** 04/01/2011 <u>Federal Aviation Administration Act</u> H.R. 658 <u>CLR Voted: NO</u> Bill Passed - House (223 - 196)

02/19/2011 <u>Prohibits Use of Funds for Step Increase for General Schedule Employees</u> CLR Voted: NO Amendment Rejected - House (191 - 230)

14. MILITARY ISSUES

03/17/2011 <u>Removing Troops from Afghanistan</u> H. Con. Res. 28 <u>CLR Voted: YES</u> Resolution Failed - House (93 - 321)

15. Reproductive Issues

02/18/2011 <u>Prohibiting Use of Federal Funds For Planned Parenthood</u> H Amdt 95 <u>CLR Voted: NO</u> Amendment Adopted - House (240 - 185)

16. TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION

04/08/2011 <u>Disapproving of Federal Communication Commission Rules Concerning Internet</u> <u>Providers</u> H J Res 37 <u>CLR Voted: NO</u> Joint Resolution Passed - House)

03/17/2011 <u>Prohibiting Federal Funding of National Public Radio</u> H.R. 1076 <u>CLR Voted: NO</u> Bill Passed - House (228 - 192)

TOP NATIONAL WOMEN'S ISSUES ORGANIZATIONS

National Organization for Women (NOW) (www.now.org)

NOW is the largest organization of feminist activists in the United States

Federally Employed Women (FEW) (www.few.org) Nonprofit working to improve the status of women employed by the Federal government

<u>American Association of University Women</u> (www.aauw.org) AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research

MISSIONS AND GOALS FROM ORGANIZATIONS' WEBSITES

National Organization for Women

The National Organization for Women (NOW) is the largest organization of feminist activists in the United States. NOW has 500,000 contributing members and 550 chapters in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Since its founding in 1966, NOW's goal has been to take action to bring about equality for all women. NOW works to eliminate discrimination and harassment in the workplace, schools, the justice system, and all other sectors of society; secure abortion, birth control and reproductive rights for all women; end all forms of violence against women; eradicate racism, sexism and homophobia; and promote equality and justice in our society.

Federally Employed Women

Federally Employed Women (FEW) is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1968 after the issuance of Executive Order 11375 that added "sex" to the prohibited discriminations within the federal government. Federally Employed Women works to end sex and gender discrimination, to encourage diversity for inclusion and equity in the workplace, and for the advancement and professional growth of women in federal service by:

- encouraging diversity and equity in the workplace
- enhancing career opportunities
- establishing and maintaining relationships with organizations to advocate the fair application of laws, policies, procedures and practices
- improving the quality of life for women by influencing legislative actions
- committing to maintain a unified and diverse membership
- providing opportunities for professional growth.

The FEW mission and purpose statement was revised to recognize that the mission of an organization is its driving force, and that FEW's mission needed to be consistent with the needs of federal women in the 21st century.

American Association of University Women

AAUW has dedicated more than 120 years to the advancement of education. To this day, AAUW continues to break through barriers to improve educational opportunities for women and girls. Learn how AAUW makes a difference through research, publications, leadership programs, and as one of the world's largest sources of funding to ensure that women and girls have access to higher education and the opportunity to achieve excellence in professions of their choice.