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All of us here at the Center for the American Woman and Politics (CAWP) are calling 1987 "the year of the woman legislator." Beginning with our new census of women legislators taken in January after the 1986 elections, and ending with the **Forum for Women State Legislators**, scheduled for **November 19-22 in San Diego**, many of our activities this year will revolve around women in state legislatures. This issue of News & Notes is no exception.

Our focus on women legislators includes an article and a fact sheet based on CAWP's census of women state legislators. Women currently hold 15.5% of all seats in state legislatures. When compared to our national legislature -- the U.S. Congress -- where women hold less than 5% of all seats, women in state legislatures are present in large enough numbers to be making a noticeable impact on state policies - and they are. (continued...)



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Our feature article looks at one way in which women legislators influence states' policies and politics -- through legislative caucuses. The article "Women's Legislative Caucuses: Altering State Policy and Politics" examines the issues these caucuses are addressing, and their activities, plans and power.

In addition to its work with women legislators, CAWP recently launched a major project to support research about the impact of women in public office. This program is described in News & Notes and a flyer for the program is enclosed with this mailing.

Finally, we have been busy updating our fact sheets on women in public office. Along with our fact sheet on women state legislators, we have also enclosed four other new fact sheets: a summary of women's status at all levels of elective office in the United States, women in Congress, an interim fact sheet on women in statewide executive office, and a fourth on women in government around the world. The latter was prepared for a two-day working seminar on Women in International Leadership co-sponsored by the Center for the American Woman and Politics (CAWP) and Douglass College. Seminar participants included scholars and current and former leaders from various countries who came together to identify issues and projects for the future.

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*Six months to go and counting! Sign up now.* The CAWP national Forum for Women State Legislators will be convened **November 19-22, 1987**, at the **Hotel del Coronado** in **San Diego**. We've sent you an invitation. Be sure to register **TODAY!** For more information, contact Debbie Walsh at CAWP (201/828-2210).



## **More Women Earning Seats in State Legislatures**

Women now hold more than 15% of all seats in state legislatures, according to the latest count of the Center for the American Woman and Politics (CAWP). With 15.5% of seats occupied by women, 1157 women serve in state legislatures in 1987, up from 301 in 1969.

Women still hold just under 11% of seats in state senates (10.9%), but hold over 17% of positions in state houses/assemblies (17.2%). Democrats outnumber Republicans -- 673 (58%) to 474 (41%) -- with the remaining 1% being nonpartisan or independents.

New England continues to be the region of the country with states with the highest percentages of women. Of the eleven states with the highest percentages of women state legislators, four are located in New England; Connecticut (21.9%), Maine (28.5%); New Hampshire (32.5%) and Vermont (24.4%). The western states also rank high in percentages of women state legislators with Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Washington and Wyoming ranking in the top eleven.

Southern states continue to have the lowest percentages of women serving in their legislatures. Mississippi ranks at the bottom of all states with 2.3% women and Louisiana, Kentucky, Alabama, South Carolina and Virginia are also among the bottom ten with no more than 7% women.

"Each year women make incremental gains in state legislatures," observed Ruth B. Mandel, Director of the Center for the American Woman and Politics. "In any one year, the progress is not startling, but the overall pattern is impressive -- since 1969, the number of women serving in state legislatures has almost quadrupled," she concluded.

## Women's Legislative Caucuses: Altering State Policy and Politics

by  
Kathy A. Stanwick

Women's legislative caucuses are making a major contribution to the dialogue on public policy in the states. These caucuses often focus their energy on issues which have few other legislative advocates -- women's, children's, and family issues -- yet they are issues that are of growing concern and likely to be at the top of the public policy agenda in the near future.\* "I remember when women were the only ones talking about education issues," recalled one state legislator. "Now, education reform of some sort is at the top of nearly every state's agenda. I believe that the issues we are dealing with in our caucus today will be the 'education' of tomorrow," she continued.

While the list of issues being studied or addressed by the women's caucuses is a long one, all of the caucuses end up dedicating their energy to one or two issues in particular. The major issues include: child care/day care issues/increased funding for children's services; teen pregnancy; domestic violence; homelessness, especially among children and women; parental leave; and pre-release programs for women prisoners. In California, the women's caucus is spending most of its efforts this session on education, particularly funding of kindergarten through grade 12 programs. Illinois and Maryland are both working on pre-release programs for women prisoners. Teenage pregnancy ranks high on the priority list for the caucuses in Illinois, Maryland and Massachusetts. The problems of the homeless and lack of affordable housing are being addressed in Illinois, Massachusetts and New York. Parental leave legislation is being considered by the caucuses in Iowa, Massachusetts and New York. Funding for day

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\*Information for this article was gathered from six of the eleven existing women's legislative caucuses. Those caucuses responding to our survey included: California, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts and New York.

care or children's services are being promoted in California, Maryland, Massachusetts and New York.

Across the board, the caucuses set an agenda and work on issues that are often characterized as women's issues and children's issues. They do so proudly, and in most states have become a sought after resource by male legislators. In one or two states, men often attend the caucus meetings. In another state, legislative leaders seek the counsel of the caucus on major legislation.

Currently, except in the case of California, where one of the major issues facing the legislature as a whole is the funding of education programs in grades K - 12 [an issue high on the priority list of the women's caucus as well], the major items on the agenda of the women's legislative caucus are seldom the major items on the agenda of the legislature as a whole. Essentially that means that women state legislators have taken on an additional task. They focus their attention on the two or three issues which are high on the legislative priority list for the session, issues of special concern to their district, and then the issues which the women's caucus has identified as important.

### **Organizational Structure and Activities**

Belonging to a women's legislative caucus involves attending meetings, listening to presentations from experts on issues pending before the caucus, drafting legislation, and lobbying fellow legislators on caucus supported or sponsored bills.

All of the caucuses hold regularly scheduled meetings when the legislature is in session. Attendance at the meeting varies. Four caucuses meet weekly or bi-weekly; two meet once a month. Many of the states hold ad hoc meetings when the legislature is out of session and two states hold retreats prior to the session where they set their goals and objectives for that session. Scheduling

meetings when all members can come has proven to be difficult. Often meetings are held in early morning or late evening. Attendance varies: in two states, virtually every member attends regularly; in another two, about half of the members come; in the last two, only a few members regularly attend. Nonetheless, the women members stay in touch through informal communication and, in cases where the caucus has its own staff member or a staff liaison from the legislative staff (Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts and New York), through staff memoranda and updates.

In three of the states we studied, every woman legislator belongs to the caucus. In two of the states, one or two women don't participate in the caucus. In one state, about 80 percent of the women legislators belong.

Four out of the six state caucuses have no plans to expand the scope of their activities. However, two states would like to expand their activities -- Massachusetts and New York. New York, with 21 caucus members, plans to form subcommittees which will each focus on only one issue. They also plan to work more closely with women in other high-level positions in government and in the private sector and participate in more activities as an entire caucus. Massachusetts, having just adopted a set of objectives, will work on further legislation to promote women's economic independence and protect women's individual rights, encourage women to participate at all levels of office and serve as a communications link for women's organizations and legislators on issues of concern to women.

While the goals of the caucuses have not changed since their formation in the late 1970s or early 1980s, the structure of the groups has often changed. For example, most caucuses have learned to be more flexible to meet the changing political and policy environments in their states, to set specific goals and

priorities for each legislative session and to educate new women members of the legislature.

### **Perception of Caucuses**

Women's legislative caucuses are just one of the caucuses which have proliferated in state legislatures over the past ten years. States also have black caucuses, rural caucuses, and a variety of others. In four of the six states we studied, the women's caucus is the only caucus or is one of two. The remaining states have four to six caucuses, of which the women's caucus is one.

The majority of states think their caucus is perceived by male legislators and legislative leaders as not very powerful or somewhat powerful. In only two states, do women rank their caucus as the "most powerful." Generally, the women's caucuses are perceived by their own members as equal in power to the others or slightly less powerful.

### **Conclusion**

Women's legislative caucuses play a vital role in raising and addressing issues vital to women, children and families. They focus on two or three critical issues during a legislative session and work actively to construct and pass legislation to address those issues. Because women are still a relatively small percentage of all legislators, the caucuses work closely with male legislators, forming coalitions to advocate for their issues.

One of the major changes in the status of women's caucuses within the legislature has been in their relationship with male members and leadership. For the most part, male legislators are supportive of the caucuses. In fact, in a number of states, men often attend caucus-sponsored briefing sessions, or come to the caucus to request support for their legislation. Not too long ago, women's

caucuses were thought to be marginal or unnecessary, now they are viewed with respect.

Much of the change in male legislators' attitudes toward the caucuses can be attributed to the increasing sophistication and success of the groups. Over the past few years, the women's caucuses have selected their issues carefully and been very successful at enacting the legislation on their agendas.

The caucuses have been particularly successful at managing to be inclusive rather than exclusive. The caucuses select primary issues and develop legislative strategies around those issues after study and discussion. Usually issues are selected after broad consensus is reached. Although individual women legislators may disagree with some of the stands taken by the group on a particular bill or budget item, the caucuses are loosely enough organized so that the individual member doesn't feel a need to withdraw her membership from the caucus. The ability to make every woman feel comfortable within the caucus has resulted in 100 percent membership in most states. As women's numbers have grown within the legislatures that means that the women's caucus may be the single largest block of votes that legislators can lobby for support. For example, 21 women members in New York; 17 in California; 30 in Illinois; 39 in Maryland.

Finally, these caucuses serve women legislators in the same way that the local "watering hole" has traditionally served male legislators with one major difference. They provide an opportunity for women to discuss with each other, across party lines, the nuts and bolts of legislation and the legislative process and they provide a necessary source of information and support for women who still constitute a minority of members in every legislative chamber across the country.

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## **Pennsylvania Elected Women's Association Charts an Active Course for 1987**

The Pennsylvania Elected Women's Association (PEWA) kicked off its 1987 activities with candidate fairs (co-sponsored by More Women Candidates, Inc.) to encourage women to run for elected office. The fairs, held in Bucks, Allegheny and Westmoreland counties during January and February, were successful at explaining to potential women candidates the pros and cons of running for public office. In March, PEWA held a campaign tactics workshop at the Women's Legislative Exchange Conference that was attended by 150 women. The standing room only crowd heard from State Senator Jeanette Reibman and others about the importance of having a good campaign plan, adequate money, a good campaign manager, adequate money, a positive campaign theme, and adequate money!

PEWA held its annual meeting on April 24 and 25 in State College Pennsylvania. Much of the discussion at the meeting focused on ways to bring more women into elective office in Pennsylvania. Debbie Walsh from the Center for the American Woman and Politics was the keynote speaker. Focusing on why so few women held state legislative offices, she discussed the lack of turnover in legislative seats in Pennsylvania and a "closed" political party system. Other programs included the annual business meeting at which Donna Gority, Blair County Commissioner was elected **president**, and seminars on campaign strategies and speech writing and making.

PEWA will continue its effort to recruit new members by asking each current member to invite one other person to join in 1987.

Additional information about PEWA's activities can be obtained from the newsletter editor, Joan Gaumer, 4463 Steuben Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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# **ORGANIZATIONS OF ADMINISTRATIVE WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT**

## **Women in State Government Builds Links with Women Legislators**

Women in State Government, an organization of administrative women in state government in Michigan, held a reception to welcome new legislators to Lansing in February. At the reception, special tributes were paid to Martha Griffiths, Lieutenant Governor, and the newly-elected women legislators, representing the continuing effort by WSG to build links between women in state government employment and women in state elective office in Michigan. Over 200 people attended the reception where women legislators were presented with framed photographs of the first elected female legislator in Michigan, Eva Hamilton, who served from 1921-1922.

More information about Women in State Government can be obtained from WSG President, Mary MacDowell, PO Box 14133, Lansing, MI 48901.

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## NOTES OF INTEREST

The Women's Network of the National Conference of State Legislatures met on May 6 as part of NCSL's State-Federal Assembly in Washington and will meet on July 25, 26, 27 and 30 at NCSL's Annual Meeting in Indianapolis.

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The Center for the American Woman and Politics (CAWP) announces a major project which will conduct and support research about **The Impact of Women in Public Office**. Funded by the Charles H. Revson Foundation, this project is the most recent in a series of studies by CAWP aimed at increasing our understanding of women's participation in American politics.

A major component of the project will be a scholarly grants program. Through this program, CAWP wishes to encourage researchers to examine the important and largely unexplored question of whether and how women who hold elective and appointive office in the United States are having a distinctive impact on public policy, political processes, and governing institutions. CAWP is concerned with discovering and understanding both the ways in which women public officeholders may have an impact on policy, processes, and institutions distinct from the impact of men and the conditions under which women's impact is most likely to be apparent. More information about this grants program can be found in an enclosed flyer announcing the program.

As part of the project, CAWP will conduct its own research on the impact of women public officeholders. Results of CAWP's research and the other projects are scheduled to be released at a national conference in 1990.

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### **KNOW ANYONE ELSE WHO SHOULD BE KEPT UP-TO-DATE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN POLITICS?**

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