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### **URGENT – HELP NEEDED KEEP OUR EDUCATORS WORKING ACT OF 2010**

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The bill to allow the National Women's History Museum to purchase land at fair market value for a building is being held up in the Senate. (The bill is HR 1700.) The vote is stalled by two senators (anonymous) who have put a hold on it. If, like me, you feel that we as U.S. citizens and voters have the right to know who is holding up votes on legislation, you might want to express this also.

#### **ACTION:**

1. Call Senator Harry Reid's State Office at 702-388-5020 and ask him to bring HR 1700 to the floor for a vote.
2. Call Senator Harry Reid's DC Office at 202-244-5556 with the same message.

An additional note – The National Women's History Museum is mounting a fund raising drive to rent mobile billboards and air radio ads around the Capitol with the message "You have the votes – How much longer must we wait Senator Reid?" NWHM is also organizing pickets for DC and the Las Vegas area with the same message.

### **KEEP OUR EDUCATORS WORKING ACT OF 2010 (S.3206)**

Passed recently. This bill

1. appropriates funds for an Education Jobs Fund
2. allocates the bulk of such Fund for grants to states pursuant to a formula that considers each state's share of individuals age 5 through 24 and each state's share of the nation's total population.
3. authorizes states to reserve a portion of the grant funds for administrative costs and for retaining or creating state education positions.
4. requires states to use the bulk of the grant to award subgrants to local educational agencies (LEAs) and public institutions of higher education to restore the reductions in state funding for elementary and secondary education and for public institutions of higher education that remain for FY2010 and FY2011, after including the funds they received for such reductions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
5. requires states that receive a grant that is more than what is required to cover such activities to allocate the excess to their LEAs based on the LEAs' relative share of school improvement funds under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.
6. limits the use of subgrant funds to retaining or hiring new employees, or on-the-job training activities for education careers.

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.

<http://www.house.gov/> 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 <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.

## **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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