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U.S. FORUM SESSION AT INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) -- UPDATE PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT REINTRODUCED

U.S. FORUM SESSION AT INTERNATIONAL

Please join us on Friday, July 27 in the afternoon at 3:30 p.m. for the U. S. Forum session at the International Convention. We have scheduled a dynamic speaker to begin the session and will have floor discussions of current legislative issues. We also need your input on what specific pieces of legislation are of most interest to you. Surveys from Delta Kappa Gamma as well as from AARP will be distributed at that session.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) -- UPDATE

The Senate has passed its version of the Violence Against Women Act (S. 1925). The House of Representatives passed its version of VAWA (H.R. 4197); however, the two bills are not the same. According to the American Association of University Women, "The House-passed legislation would undermine many current programs and doesn't contain the necessary provisions to improve safety on college campuses. It also expressly rejects protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans."

PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT REINTRODUCED

Senator Barbara Mikulski has reintroduced the Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 797). There are currently 35 cosponsors to the bill. To see if your senator is a cosponsor go to <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/D?d112:2:./temp/~bdXiEk:@@@P/home/LegislativeData.php> The House version is H.R. 1519.

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

White House **1-202-456-1111**

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 PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME OF THIS INFORMATION MAY BE OUT OF DATE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