

9/27

VAWA - call of groups

(Deborah Rosenberg - Newsweek - b6b-2089)

Lott's cos - Hoppi, Sharon
message - it will happen

won't happen independently
wants to use VAWA as the grease
for other bills

there are holds - others won't let it go
unless they get what they want

Ireland - will assume you're the problem if
you don't tell us who the holds are

Bankruptcy - told them they don't want
don't want to see it as it something that'll be
don't put it on something that hovers 9

message to Lott was clear - you will be killing it
if you don't move it.

Now + Feminist majority are picked up + will take
active left flank
may do something tomorrow

Press conference today - BPW + Ellie + Patricia + Mc's
Boxer, Biden, Wellstone + Moulton, Loney, Congress, etc.

grassroots - get to 29 ~~non~~ cosponsors

if you're not part of the solution you're
part of the problem

9/29

VAWA Senate mtg.

Wells One - it would have killed Trafficking (Brownback stuff called L.H.'s)

Nickles is the problem - why give VAWA + not get something

Bma. C. M. ideas - (1) Bad way - linking to bad bill

good ways (1) trafficking - open conference
Biden still committed

Brownback - not opposed to doing it - supports trafficking
still open issue - conservative groups support trafficking

(2) freestanding bill - no shot

(3) omnibus / final package
but they'll try to jam it --
trade off Mexico City

best way to get trafficking is to add VAWA - Biden made it clear to Wellstone
Brownback he'll hold up Trafficking
room to negotiate w/ Lamar Smith a Senate battered woman of
will hold up it

Brownback is key - he wants Trafficking - about the Nickles pressure

work up conferees - make it a nice package - add what
W. Johnson wants

House bill plus amendment - immigrant &
dw VCRTE in omnibus

worry Biden undermined immigrant & strategy by
offering House bill

or go w/ Senate bill + bump up funding + dating related to go
Bina - no - House bill has momentum
it makes people House conferees comfortable

★ Keep it out of fiscal train wreck - in everyone's interest

concern - will CWA hold their nose on Trafficking of VAWA
Wellstone needs to check w/ Brownback

Hatch wants VAWA on trafficking - wants to keep conference open
to get his alcohol internet

House plus:
battered woman &

To the A's
Paul Frank read it

preconference House & Senate bills before Tuesday
so we're ready

Does Wellstone understand this is the only way to get both.

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: 10/03/2000

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE CAROLYN MALONEY

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THE PRESIDENT SUPPORT FOR HR 1248, THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT
REAUTHORIZATION

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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515



430544

September 20, 2000

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

007 9-25:05

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to ask for your help in passing H.R. 1248, the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization. In the House, we have been pressing for passage and we know that we can count on your support when this bill reaches your desk. However, we are writing to ask that this critical bill -- including those amendments passed by the Judiciary Committee -- be included in any final budget negotiations, should this bill not be passed by that time.

As you know, the Violence Against Women Act was originally passed in 1994 as an amendment to the omnibus Crime Bill. The act authorized over a billion dollars to states for law-enforcement grants, judicial training, shelters, a national hotline, child abuse and prevention programs. Thousand of victims from every state, race, and socio-economic level have relied on these services for protection from violence for themselves and their children. We believe that VAWA has saved lives and helped to re-build even more. Without re-authorizing this program by its expiration in October of this year, every state risks losing millions of dollars for existing programs.

As you know, this bill has strong bi-partisan support, with a current total of 233 co-sponsors. It passed the Judiciary Committee by voice vote. We look forward to your support to reauthorize this critical piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Carolyn B. Malone

Patricia A. Smith

September 20, 2000

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*Increasing the set aside
for administration as HHS*

Improved Technical Assistance Required for Key Domestic Violence Programs

Currently, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act provides funding to support approximately 2000 emergency shelters and safe homes nationwide. The 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline has received more than 400,000 calls since its inception in 1996. These programs provide essential protection, crisis assistance and services to millions of victims of domestic violence

It is essential that adequate technical assistance and support be available for these important programs in order to ensure that the best possible services are provided to prevent and treat domestic violence. While the original authorizing legislation calls on the federal government to provide for the training of personnel and the provision of technical assistance in the conduct of these programs, funding has not been made available for this purpose.

The Administration has proposed that the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) be amended to set aside 1.1% of appropriated funds for monitoring and technical assistance activities. These funds will allow the federal government to provide on-site technical assistance and program support to the grantees that operate these programs in states, territories, and tribal areas. This will result in enhanced sharing of information and best practices, and improved monitoring of federal resources.

The Administration proposes the following amendment to section 310 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act:

(2) SECRETARY'S SET-ASIDE.—Section 310 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 10409) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) as subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f), respectively;

(B) by inserting after subsection (a) the following subsection:

“(b) SECRETARY'S SET-ASIDE.—Of the amounts appropriated under subsection (a) for each fiscal year 1.1 percent shall be used by the Secretary for monitoring, stewardship, and administrative activities related to Sections 303, 308, 311, and 316 of this Act (42 U.S.C. 10402, 10407, 10410, and 10416), and shall remain available until expended for such purposes.”; and

(C) by inserting after the words “for each fiscal year” in each place where such words appear in subsections (c), (d), and (e) (as redesignated by subparagraph (A)), the following: “and remaining after the set-aside required by subsection (b)”.

Title II

Strengthening

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Services to Victims
of Violence

1 local funds expended to further the purpose of this
2 section.

3 **SEC. 202. SHELTER SERVICES FOR BATTERED WOMEN AND**
4 **CHILDREN.**

5 (a) STATE SHELTER GRANTS.—Section 303(a)(2)(C)
6 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42
7 U.S.C. 10402(a)(2)(C)) is amended by striking “popu-
8 lations underserved because of ethnic, racial, cultural, lan-
9 guage diversity or geographic isolation” and inserting
10 “populations underserved because of race, ethnicity, age,
11 disability, religion, alienage status, geographic location
12 (including rural isolation), or language barriers, and any
13 other populations determined by the Secretary to be un-
14 derserved”.

15 (b) STATE MINIMUM; REALLOTMENT.—Section 304
16 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42
17 U.S.C. 10403) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “for grants to
19 States for any fiscal year” and all that follows and
20 inserting the following: “and available for grants to
21 States under this subsection for any fiscal year—

22 “(1) Guam, American Samoa, the United
23 States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the
24 Northern Mariana Islands shall each be allotted not
25 less than $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1 percent of the amounts available

1 for grants under section 303(a) for the fiscal year
2 for which the allotment is made; and

3 “(2) each State shall be allotted for payment in
4 a grant authorized under section 303(a), \$600,000,
5 with the remaining funds to be allotted to each State
6 in an amount that bears the same ratio to such re-
7 maining funds as the population of such State bears
8 to the population of all States.”;

9 (2) in subsection (c), in the first sentence, by
10 inserting “and available” before “for grants”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(e) In subsection (a)(2), the term “State” does not
13 include any jurisdiction specified in subsection (a)(1).”.

14 (c) SECRETARIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.—Section
15 305(a) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act
16 (42 U.S.C. 10404(a)) is amended—

17 (1) by striking “an employee” and inserting “1
18 or more employees”;

19 (2) by striking “of this title.” and inserting “of
20 this title, including carrying out evaluation and mon-
21 itoring under this title.”; and

22 (3) by striking “The individual” and inserting
23 “Any individual”.

1 (d) RESOURCE CENTERS.—Section 308 of the Fam-
2 ily Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C.
3 10407) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting “on pro-
5 viding information, training, and technical assist-
6 ance” after “focusing”; and

7 (2) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 “(8) Providing technical assistance and training
10 to local entities carrying out domestic violence pro-
11 grams that provide shelter, related assistance, or
12 transitional housing assistance.

13 “(9) Improving access to services, information,
14 and training, concerning family violence, within In-
15 dian tribes and Indian tribal agencies.

16 “(10) Providing technical assistance and train-
17 ing to appropriate entities to improve access to serv-
18 ices, information, and training concerning family vio-
19 lence occurring in underserved populations.”.

20 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 309(6) of
21 the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42
22 U.S.C. 10408(6)) is amended by striking “the Virgin Is-
23 lands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Terri-
24 tory of the Pacific Islands” and inserting “the United

1 States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the
2 Northern Mariana Islands”.

3 (f) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 310 of the Family
4 Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10409)
5 is amended—

6 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
7 following:

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

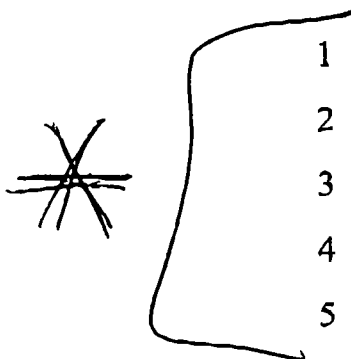
9 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
10 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
11 this title \$175,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001
12 through 2005.

13 “(2) SOURCE OF FUNDS.—Amounts made avail-
14 able under paragraph (1) may be appropriated from
15 the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund established
16 under section 310001 of the Violent Crime Control
17 and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C.
18 14211).”;

19 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “under sub-
20 section 303(a)” and inserting “under section
21 303(a)”;

22 (3) in subsection (c), by inserting “not more
23 than the lesser of \$7,500,000 or” before “5”; and

24 (4) by adding at the end the following:



1 “(f) EVALUATION, MONITORING, AND ADMINISTRA-
2 TION.—Of the amounts appropriated under subsection (a)
3 for each fiscal year, not more than 1 percent shall be used
4 by the Secretary for evaluation, monitoring, and adminis-
5 trative costs under this title.”.

6 (g) STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION GRANT
7 ACTIVITIES.—Section 311 of the Family Violence Preven-
8 tion and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10410) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)(4), by striking “under-
10 served racial, ethnic or language-minority popu-
11 lations” and inserting “underserved populations de-
12 scribed in section 303(a)(2)(C)”; and

13 (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
14 following:

15 “(c) ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the total amount appro-
17 priated under this section for each fiscal year—

18 “(A) the Secretary shall allot to each
19 State, the District of Columbia, the Common-
20 wealth of Puerto Rico, and the combined U.S.
21 Territories an amount equal to $\frac{1}{54}$ of such total
22 amount; and

23 “(B) an amount equal to $\frac{1}{54}$ of such total
24 amount shall be available for assistance to non-
25 profit tribal domestic violence coalitions in In-

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Subject: VAWA and Bankruptcy

There is a pretty strong rumor that after the Senate passes the CR this afternoon, they will take up the House-passed VAWA bill and attached Bankruptcy to it and try and pass it by UC. Leahy and Schumer are working on a clinic violence amendment to put into the mix, and it would almost certainly not go by UC. Nonetheless, Sarah suggested we talk and make sure we're prepared, and that we decide if we're willing to let the press office know that this would be unacceptable to the WH.

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Subject: IMPORTANT: Bankruptcy

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Subject: IMPORTANT: Bankruptcy

As some of you may know, there is growing concern that bankruptcy may make an appearance on the Senate floor -- possibly as early as today.

The Violence Against Women Act II passed the House overwhelmingly two days ago and VAWA expires this weekend. We're concerned that Lott may bring up the House-passed bill and offer bankruptcy as an amendment. What happens from there is unclear: Lott could fill the tree and file cloture, we could have an opportunity to offer amendments -- the possibilities (as I have learned in recent weeks while dealing with the high tech visa bill) are almost endless.

We're looking at all the options at this point, but we really need the letter from the women's groups ASAP. Any other letters would be helpful, as well.

We don't know if this will happen, but we want to be prepared.

As usual, thanks in advance for your help. If anyone has more information, please let us know.

-- Melody

Message Sent To:



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20530
September 20, 2000

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am writing to call your attention to the imminent expiration of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The Administration supports reauthorization of the VAWA. Six years ago, with bipartisan support, Congress passed, and the President signed, this landmark legislation. With the passage of the VAWA, Congress sent a clear message across the country that violence against women is a crime. The VAWA is an important tool in this country's effort to combat domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault. During the past 6 years, this law has made a critical difference in the lives of countless women and children through grants and federal prosecutions. On September 30, 2000, the authorization for the VAWA's grant programs expire. It is important that Congress act now, so that service providers and law enforcement agencies across the country will know that Congress supports the vital work they do for victims of domestic violence.

With the leadership of Congressman Conyers and Congresswoman Morella, the Judiciary Committee has favorably passed, H.R. 1248, the Violence Against Women Act of 1999, which has 233 cosponsors on a bipartisan basis. This comprehensive legislation would not only reauthorize the grant programs authorized by the original act, but also strengthen the original VAWA. I hope you will bring this legislation to the House floor before it expires on September 30, 2000. I ask for your help in sending a message to women across the country that, as a Nation, we will not tolerate violence against women and that we will continue to support grant programs that provide vital services to victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janet Reno", is written over a horizontal line.

Janet Reno

cc: All Members of the
U.S. House of Representatives



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20530

September 20, 2000

The Honorable Trent Lott
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Senators Hatch and Biden have introduced, and the Judiciary Committee has favorably passed, S. 2787, the Violence Against Women Act of 2000, which has 68 cosponsors on a bipartisan basis. This comprehensive legislation would not only reauthorize the grant programs authorized by the original act, but also strengthen the original VAWA. I hope you will bring this legislation to the Senate floor before it expires on September 30, 2000. I ask for your help in sending a message to women across the country that, as a Nation, we will not tolerate violence against women and that we will continue to support grant programs that provide vital services to victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault.

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Janet Reno

cc: All Members of the
United States Senate

VAWA HAS BEEN AN ADMINISTRATION PRIORITY

General Talking Points

Everyone at the White House – the President, Vice President and First Lady -- is committed to getting VAWA reauthorized this year. The President pushed for the original VAWA in 1994 and signed it into law as part of his crime bill.

It is an historic piece of legislation that for the first time provides a federal framework for combating violence against women and that has changed the way we hold offenders accountable and provide services to victims. Over \$1.5 billion dollars in Federal grant funds have gone to the states to improve the criminal justice system's response to domestic violence, and to provide critical services to victims and their families. VAWA programs are working: the number of women experiencing violence at the hands of an intimate partner declined 21 percent from 1993 to 1998. In addition, in 1996, 1997, and 1998, intimate partners committed fewer murders than in any year since 1976. The domestic violence hotline has received over 500,000 calls since it was established in February 1996.

Although tremendous strides have been made, domestic violence still devastates the lives of many women and children. VAWA, which has bipartisan support, must be reauthorized to ensure that we maintain and increase our support for these important programs and make critical improvements to the statute.

It would be a national disgrace if VAWA is not reauthorized.

What the Administration has done to push for VAWA

- The President called on Congress to reauthorize VAWA at 9/13/00 Hate Crimes event.
- VAWA was included among the Administration priorities for the meeting with Democratic leaders (9/5/00) (see fact sheet on "Challenging Congress to Act Now on America's Priorities")
- The Vice President has issued several statements calling for reauthorization of VAWA. (9/13/00, 8/27/00, 6/30/00, 5/17/00, 5/15/00)
- At a White House event on June 12, the First Lady joined members of the law enforcement community and a bipartisan group of lawmakers to urge Congress to reauthorize VAWA. She announced key law enforcement support for reauthorization and highlighted the progress of VAWA, releasing reports from the Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services documenting the success of the law.
- White House staff – from DPC, Counsel's Office, Leg Affairs, VPOTUS and FLOTUS staff – are in ongoing coordination with women's groups and the Hill about legislative strategy.

Legislative update

Senate

The bill has passed the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senators Biden and Hatch have a compromise that we understand may be considered under unanimous consent. Senator Biden and Senator Domenici resolved the concerns of the Budget Committee, which had had a hold on the bill (they agreed to a 3 year extension of the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund (VCRTF),

instead of the 5 years in the original provision included in VAWA). We are hopeful that it can be considered under UC shortly.

House

The Judiciary Committee approved the bill with bipartisan support earlier in the summer. The bill has also been referred to the Commerce and Education and Workforce Committees, which have not indicated that they plan to take action.

Last week, Reps. Hyde and McCollum wrote to Hastert asking him to move VAWA. Also last week, Gephardt wrote a letter with the ranking members of the committees of jurisdiction (Conyers, Dingell and Clay), urging Hastert to move VAWA. Finally, this week, 50 House Republicans also wrote to Hastert urging him to move VAWA. And yesterday, the Washington Post ran a story that VAWA was in jeopardy, mainly blaming the House GOP leadership.

We have learned that the Judiciary Committee's report hasn't been filed, but we're not sure why. This bill has bipartisan support and we just hope the Republican leadership will clear the way for consideration.

FYI Background: One scenario is for VAWA to pass the Senate, and have the House take the Senate version up under suspension of the rules. This would avoid the committee problems we face in the House. The other alternative is much more difficult to imagine working -- we would need to develop a House strategy, since the Republicans seem to be playing some games with VAWA and the bill is stalled in two committees. We would need a more aggressive strategy with Hastert.

You should know that the women's groups still like the House bill better (it has more funding and includes "dating violence" -- some of the grant programs could fund programs addressing violence in unmarried couples -- a provision Hatch opposes). Although the groups acknowledge that the Senate bill is better for 2 critical reasons (it has the battered immigrant women provisions and VCRTF), they don't yet seem to recognize that there isn't time for a conference, and that the best (and perhaps only workable) scenario is just to have the House pass the Senate bill, which we can definitely live with. Because the groups haven't accepted this strategy yet, I wouldn't commit to it -- you could just say "Since our prospects are better in the Senate, we are working to get the ball rolling there and then we are exploring ways to get the House to move quickly so that this gets done because it would be a disgrace if Congress act."