Introduction

The records of the Vermont Coalition for the Equal Rights Amendment were formed from the files of Beth Fouhy, director of the organization, and cover the period October 1985 through November 1986. The collection includes internal office materials, endorsements from supporters of the amendment, promotional materials, and a collection of opposition viewpoints. The collection fills one document storage box (one linear foot) and also includes one oversized folder, one VHS-format videocassette, and three broadsides. The collection was given to the Vermont Historical Society in the fall of 1986 (ms. acc. no. 86.38)

Scope and Content

The papers of Beth Fouhy, Director of the Vermont Coalition for the Equal Rights Amendment, date from October 1985 through November 1986.

The collection includes materials published by backers of the Amendment, both in Vermont and in other states, and anti-amendment materials collected by the Vermont ERA office. Also included are internal office documents including publicity material, fundraising letters, and regional support committees. Transcripts of Vermont House and Senate hearings and a video with speeches by Vermont politicians Governors Madeline M. Kunin and Richard A. Snelling, Attorney General Jeffrey Amestoy, Senator Patrick J. Leahy, Congressman James M. Jeffords, Burlington Mayor Bernard Sanders, and others (two copies). There are supporting materials from many organizations and people.

Organization

Original headings of file folders have been retained as much as possible. The folders have been organized into four series to facilitate user access:

I. Vermont ERA committee internal materials, including promotional material
II. ERA Endorsements
III. ERA in the Vermont Legislature
IV. Opposition Viewpoints

Inventory
I. Vermont ERA Committee internal materials
   Doc 429:1 Bylaws
       2 Coalition
       3 Agendas and minutes of coalition
4 Work plans and correspondence
5 Finance Committee Minutes
6 Campaign Finance Report
7 Job Descriptions
8 Letters
9 Shelburne Committee--Julie Becker
10 Burlington Committee--Linda Aronson, Esther Sorrell
11 Grand Isle Committee--Evelyn Smith
12 Franklin County--Helen Short
13 Lamoille County--Wanda Morton
14 Orange County--Ellen Young
15 Orleans County--Lucy Horton
16 Rutland County--Gail Holmes, Marguerite Parker
17 Windham North--Jean Kiewal
18 Windsor South--Staley Mays, Peggy Kehew
19 Addison County--Sigrid Thor, Mary Stevenson
20 Press Releases
21 Information Packet
22 Newspaper Articles
Ms Size D Newspaper Inserts (originals)
23 _____ (photocopies)
24 Notes for Speech
25 Memorandum
26 Form Letter, Mailing List
27 Direct Mail, 8/86
Ms Size D Issue of Vermont Woman, 10/86
28 (not used)
29 Originals of Handouts
30 Mother’s Day Project
31 Speeches
32 Questionnaires, 1/27/86 Information
33 Join ERA Coalition, Master Letters, Responses
34 Press Breakfast, Nov. 18

II. ERA Endorsements
35 Hubert Humphrey Statement About ERA
36 Statements of Support From Other Organizations
37 Individuals Who Support ERA
38 ACLU
39 (not used)
Ms Size D News from the Vermont Governor’s Commission on Women,
   Autumn 1986 (two copies)
Video C-54 Video by Paula McKenzie, “Case for the Equal Rights
   Amendment”. Includes interviews featuring Governors Kunin
   and Snelling, Attorney General Amestoy, Senator Leahy,
Congressman Jeffords, Burlington Mayor Sanders, and others
(two copies)

III  ERA in the Legislature
  40  Legislative History
  41  Vermont Judiciary Hearings
  42  Vermont Senate Hearings
  43  ERA History, Handout, Article
  44  Abortion
  45  Doe vs Celani
  46  Catholics
  47  Churches
  48  Opposition literature and Media Information
  49  Opposition Mail
  50  Iowa ERA Promotional Materials
  51  ERA Impact Project
  52  ERA Guides
  53  Anti-ERA Pamphlet
  54  Maine Time Line of Events

Bside D
Reform (Social and Political) 1986  Three posters (originals)
  55  ______ (photocopies)
  56  Miscellaneous

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