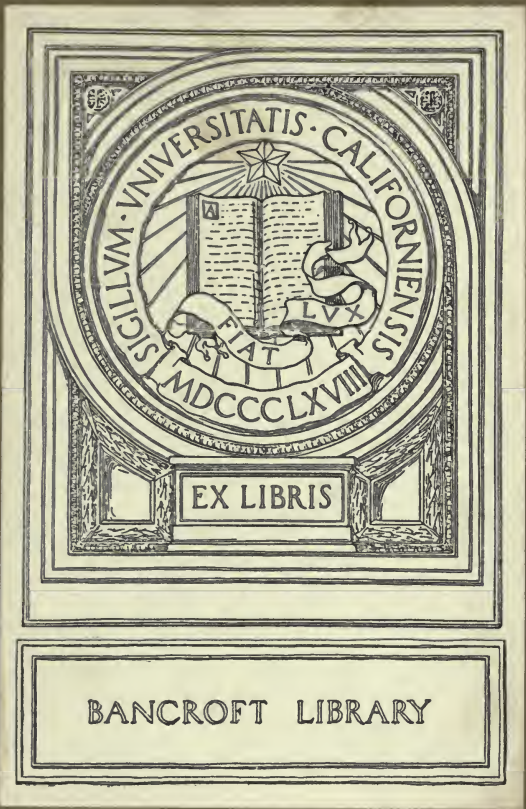


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BEFORE THE

COMMITTEE ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE
UNITED STATES SENATE

SIXTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

FIRST SESSION

ON

S. J. RES. 1

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AND

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ter], and in the name of the national association, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of this committee, we thank you for your patience, and consider the hearing of the National Suffrage Association closed.

The CHAIRMAN. A meeting has been called for to-morrow morning at the request of the Congressional Union, at 10 o'clock a. m., in this hall, and inasmuch as the chairman has some other engagements that may prove embarrassing, and may make it impossible for him to be here all the time, I shall ask, with the approval of the committee, that Senator Sutherland preside on that occasion. This meeting is now adjourned.

Dr. MARY WALKER. One moment, Mr. Chairman; will you appoint a time for the opposition to be heard, as is customary?

The CHAIRMAN. We will when the proper time arrives, but not at an individual request.

(Thereupon, at 12 o'clock noon, the committee adjourned until to-morrow, December 16, 1915, at 10 o'clock a. m.)



SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1915.

UNITED STATES SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE,
Washington, D. C.

The committee met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, being called to order by Senator Sutherland (presiding).

Present: Senators Thomas (chairman), Ransdell, Hollis, Sutherland, Jones, Clapp, and Catron.

Senator SUTHERLAND (presiding). This meeting has been called this morning to hear the representatives of the Congressional Union, and Miss Anne Martin, representing that union, will have control of the time. Miss Martin, we will be glad to hear you now.

STATEMENT OF MISS ANNE MARTIN, OF NEVADA.

MISS MARTIN. Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the committee, one of our chief purposes in asking this hearing before the Woman Suffrage Committee of the Senate is to bring before you not only the ethical importance, but the political urgency of the settlement of this question of national suffrage for women. Under present conditions the thought and the strength of large numbers of women throughout the country are concentrated and absorbed by this campaign to win fundamental justice for the women of the country, which prevents their giving their help in the settlement of matters vitally affecting the interests of the men and women and children of the Nation.

This question is assuming larger and larger proportions in the minds of the women all over the country, and must continue to do so until it is settled, and settled justly by the submission of the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the legislatures of the several States for ratification.

We therefore again ask you to consider the political urgency of this question of woman suffrage in the Sixty-fourth Congress.

Our plan this morning is to have a number of speakers make short speeches of five minutes each until we get to the last half hour of our time, when the last half hour will be divided between the envoys of the Women Voters' Convention. We must finish our hearing this morning by half past 11, owing to the fact that the only time we could get a hearing before the Committee on the Judiciary of the House is this morning at half past 11. Therefore we are compelled to finish our hearing by that time in order that we may attend the session of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House.

Our first speaker will be Mrs. William Spencer Murray, of Connecticut, the secretary of the Women's Political Union of Connecticut.

