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AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To express the sense of the Senate on women and social security reform.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—106th Cong., 2d Sess.

**S. CON. RES. \_\_\_\_\_**

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_  
and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. SNOWE)

Viz:

1 At the end of title III, add the following:  
2 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ SENSE OF THE SENATE ON WOMEN AND SOCIAL**  
3 **SECURITY REFORM.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

5 (1) without Social Security benefits, the elderly  
6 poverty rate among women would have been 52.2  
7 percent, and among widows would have been 60.6  
8 percent;

9 (2) women tend to live longer and tend to have  
10 lower lifetime earnings than men do;

11 (3) during their working years, women earn an  
12 average of 70 cents for every dollar men earn; and

1           (4) women spend an average of 11.5 years out  
2 of their careers to care for their families, and are  
3 more likely to work part-time than full-time.

4           (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the  
5 Senate that the levels in this resolution assume that—

6           (1) women face unique obstacles in ensuring re-  
7 tirement security and survivor and disability sta-  
8 bility;

9           (2) Social Security plays an essential role in  
10 guaranteeing inflation-protected financial stability  
11 for women throughout their old age;

12           (3) the Congress and the Administration should  
13 act, as part of Social Security reform, to ensure that  
14 widows and other poor elderly women receive more  
15 adequate benefits that reduce their poverty rates  
16 and that women, under whatever approach is taken  
17 to reform Social Security, should receive no lesser a  
18 share of overall federally funded retirement benefits  
19 than they receive today; and

20           (4) the sacrifice that women make to care for  
21 their family should be recognized during reform of  
22 Social Security and that women should not be penal-  
23 ized by taking an average of 11.5 years out of their  
24 careers to care for their family.

VOTE ON: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**YEA**

**NAY**

*by voice vote*

**GRASSLEY**

**NICKLES**

**GRAMM**

**BOND**

**GORTON**

**GREGG**

**MS SNOWE**

**ABRAHAM**

**FRIST**

**GRAMS**

**SMITH**

**LAUTENBERG**

**HOLLINGS**

**CONRAD**

**SARBANES**

**Mrs BOXER**

**Mrs MURRAY**

**WYDEN**

**FEINGOLD**

**JOHNSON**

**DURBIN**

**CHAIRMAN**