BILLS SPONSORED BY REP. CHISHOLM

Just this year alone, your Congresswoman, Shirley Chisholm, has co-sponsored bills which reach into every area of human welfare and concern.

Here's a look, by category of the bills:

I. CHILDREN
   - Runaway Youth Act, facilitating return of youth safety to their families.
   - A bill to create a select committee on children to investigate social conditions adversely affecting development of children.
   - A bill to expand and strengthen the Head Start Program.

II. AGED
   - A bill allowing the aged, blind, and disabled to receive assistance under Title XVI of the Social Security Act.
   - A bill to strengthen and improve the Older Americans Act.
   - The Elderly and Handicapped Americans' Transportation Services Act.

III. EMPLOYMENT
   - A bill creating public service employment for the unemployed and underemployed
   - A bill to provide additional compensation to disabled veterans.
   - A bill to improve and increase unemployment compensation.

IV. HEALTH
   - A bill to create a National Health Security System.
   - A bill providing for the humane care, treatment, and protection of the mentally retarded.
   - A bill for increased funding of community mental health centers and disability services under the Public Health Act.

V. EDUCATION
   - A bill providing financial assistance for improved educational services for handicapped children.
   - A bill providing for equal opportunity in education throughout the nation.

VI. IMMIGRATION
   - A bill to provide for bilingual proceedings in court for the Spanish-speaking.
   - A bill prohibiting discrimination in voting procedures for the Spanish-speaking.

VII. CONSUMER
   - A bill to establish an Office of Consumer Affairs and a Consumer Protection Agency.
   - A bill requiring certain processed or packaged consumer products be labeled with certain information.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS
   - Impoundment authorizing the House of Representatives to sue the President for release of illegally impounded funds.
   - Tax Reform Bill, providing equity among taxpayers.
   - A bill to make the birthday of Martin Luther King a legal holiday.
   - A bill extending full tax benefits to unmarried individuals.
   - A bill to reduce crime by requiring speedy trials in cases of persons charged with violations of federal criminal laws.
   - A bill outlawing sex discrimination by the insurance business in offering full coverage for women.
   - A bill to allow tax deduction for medical care of those over 65.

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CHISHOLM FIGHTS FOR MINIMUM WAGE

Shirley Chisholm, champion of the poor and one of the most outspoken members of Congress has carried home another victory for the people. Working long hours in her Washington office, she provided much of the leadership in the recent fight for passage of an historic Minimum Wage Bill. The bill provides for a basic guaranteed minimum wage of $2.20. This is the most that has ever been assured by law.

A most significant part of the bill was the provision that covers domestic workers—maids and housekeepers—in America. This provision is commonly known as the “Chisholm Provision” as she led the struggle and fight to have domestic workers included in the law for the first time in history.

A member of the important House Education and Labor Committee, Mrs. Chisholm forged a rare alliance of minority groups, poverty groups, women’s groups and labor organizations in a massive effort to get the bill passed. This bill will serve as a milestone in the American labor movement, as well as in the struggle of the poor in this nation.

Speaking on the bill in the House Chamber, Mrs. Chisholm said, “My own mother was a domestix, so I speak from personal experience when I tell you of the heavy burden household workers carry and the unfair wages that they have received.”

CHISHOLM FIGHTS TO SAVE O.E.O.

Your Congresswoman, Shirley Chisholm, has helped to lead the fight to save the Office of Economic Opportunity. As a member of the House Subcommitte on Equal Opportunities she has participated in hearings held across the country to gather public testimony in support of the war on poverty. In debate on the floor of the House of Representatives, Mrs. Chisholm said, “We fully realize that there are grievances within this total program, but I do not believe that we should take a position of having to gradually whistle away the program that has brought some kind of hope to the backs of many, many people in this country.”

Mrs. Chisholm sponsored a bill in Congress which would save O.E.O., and provide it with the necessary funding for poverty programs throughout the country. Meanwhile she continues to fight for increased funding of community programs in Brooklyn. Not only does she feel that continuance of the War on Poverty is vital, but she persist in efforts to ensure adequate funding of those presently existing as well as the creation of new ones.

To a district like Mrs. Chisholm’s, federal government assistance is essential. “Fighting Shirley” continues to work for maximum governmental aid in an effort to better serve her constituents.

CHISHOLM WORKS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm has joined in an effort to secure federal government assistance for the elderly, both in her district and in the nation. Sponsoring the Older Americans Act, which last year was vetoed by the President, Mrs. Chisholm has again taken leadership in calling for adequate care and responsiveness to the elderly.

In a speech on the House floor, Mrs. Chisholm stated, “The predicament of the elderly in our nation must be dramatically brought to the attention of all citizens. It is now apparent that the elderly must be added to the list of groups abandoned by the Nixon Administration. My judgment is based on what I have seen the President do, not on what I have heard him say. The proposed increases in Medi-Care cost-sharing, the suggested new restrictions on social services, and the reversion to the Older Americans Act, are all indicative of the present Administration’s disregard for the needs of our senior citizens.”

Mrs. Chisholm has always placed the needs of the elderly and the retired, high on her list of priorities while serving you in Congress.