



Advocacy Update

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We're Almost There: Health Care Reform

Since 1935, WRJ, then The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, has adopted resolutions on health. In 1991 we adopted a resolution calling for "Universal Access to Health Care," which has been the basis for our policies. So, watching the House of Representatives vote on health care reform made for a heady, exciting, edge-of-the seat Sunday night. It was a historic evening and a credit to the president, administration, and congressional leaders who worked tirelessly to bring it about. In a joyous ceremony, President Obama signed the bill, which will benefit millions of women and their families, into law on Tuesday.

It is now up to the Senate to adopt the reconciliation improvement bill also passed by the House on Sunday night.

And it is now up to us, the senators' constituents, to let them know that we want them to vote "yes" on the reconciliation improvement bill, without amendments, to make the new health reform law even stronger. [Click here](#) now for more information and to take action.

The World Zionist Congress: Interesting Questions

The World Zionist Congress is coming up in June, an event of great importance to progressive Jews in Israel. [Click here](#) to read a slightly abridged informative commentary written by Rabbi Stanley Davids, ARZA past president and husband of WRJ board member Resa Davids. This analysis addresses the World Zionist Organization, some of the issues related to Orthodox policies in Israel, and how concurrent issues will be presented during the World Zionist Congress in mid-June. We thought this would be important and fascinating reading for you.