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## **Martha Griffiths of Michigan and Leonor Sullivan of Missouri**

Memories of Representative Edna Kelly of New York's circle of friends.

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Mrs. Sullivan was on Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and at one point, of course, you realize Martha Griffiths was on Ways and Means Committee, the first woman to serve there, and my mother helped sponsor her for that through John McCormack. She went over and said, "We want Martha." Of course Martha had been a lawyer, a judge, so forth, so she knew all of this type of work that would be handled there and they gave her the nomination. Those two, but they would talk about the different things obviously that their committees were involved in and Mrs. Sullivan, as much as we talked to her about it would never vote for the Equal Pay Bill, Equal Rights Bill, too. She was a different—but, of course, she had a big labor district too so that probably, in St. Louis, that probably did a lot to change her mind about various issues. But they had a good time and I listened and I learned an awful lot from them. They had their different opinions and their different districts around the country and that I thoroughly enjoyed. It was another educational moment.