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Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress

Balancing Family Life
Kathy Gille emphasizes the way women working in Congress balanced their career and family life.

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I mean, some of the problems that are barriers for women have to do with things that are hard on family life. I think that’s one of the—how hard it is to, to, to balance a family and a career. I think women still primarily are the people in the society that struggle with that and in Congress, I think, it is particularly difficult. The hours are so long. Even as a staff person, the hours were so long, and the pressures are so great that—I, I think that is a limitation on just how satisfying of a career it can be for anybody who wants to have a family and wants to have much of an outside life at all, frankly.