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Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress

Social Life on Capitol Hill

Representative Pryce recalls how women Members worked to create social life and support network on Capitol Hill.

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Well, I think that because there were fewer women there was less social life for women. The guys, you know, guys can go out alone and feel pretty comfortable. I don't think a woman Member of Congress would want to do that. Guys team up at the gym and go out for a beer. So the women really had to make their own social life on Capitol Hill and we did that and I, and I'm really proud of it. We also had a bipartisan group that would go to dinner regularly. And, and I, I made some great friendships there. We also had a bipartisan prayer group that met fairly regularly and, and those friendships are ones that, you know, I still have and it's wonderful to be able to still reach across the aisle even though we're all no longer in the business.