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Congresswomen's Caucus Coming Together

Cokie Roberts explains how the early Congresswomen's Caucus worked together on issues affecting women.

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Again, there were so few of them that they really did sit down, and they put aside the things that divide, divided them, which was abortion, and they said, "Okay, we need mammograms covered by Medicare. Who's going to carry that, you know? We need, we need public housing to have childcare facilities. Who's going to do that?" I mean it was very much, very, very strategic. And, and, so they, and they would meet regularly. And the, the, there was the women's—I don't know what the title of it was, but there was a support group that was outside that worked with them and helped them with some of the legislative language and all of that. But it was, it was very much women in Congress coming together to, to, to press for issues that they heard from women in the country were important to them.