

**The Honorable Sue W. Kelly**  
U.S. Representative of New York (1995–2007)

## **Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress**

### **“What Do You Think They’ve Been Doing?”**

Representative Kelly recollects the uncertainty felt by some Members when women Representatives joined forces.

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Anyway, we were, we were all back in the ladies’, in the ladies’ room, which has this little, this little like, living room area in it, and we were all sitting there talking about this legislation. We were called to a vote. And so Democrat and Republican women, we stood up and went out and we—because the ladies’ room is across Statuary Hall and through a locked door—we, we opened that door, walked across Statuary Hall, and walked down the main aisle of the House Floor to, to vote, because we were already on the second call of the—for voting. And as we walked down the aisle, a bunch of the men were sitting along the, sitting in chairs along the aisle, and I overheard one of them say, “Look at ’em! Look at ’em! What do you think they’ve been doing?” Again, I think that’s really very funny. The men were threatened by the fact that we were meeting in a bipartisan way to talk about legislation.