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Dr. Grace Raymond Hebard,  
c/o Mrs. A. H. Meyers,  
Mystic, Conn.

My dear Dr. Hebard:

I am writing to confirm Miss Ludington's request that you speak at the hearing before Governor Holcomb on Friday at 11:30. There will be eight speakers, and as we shall have only one hour for the interview, the speeches will have to be limited to seven minutes each. The resolutions passed at the various mass meetings will then be presented, and the delegation will go outside for the rally in front of the Capitol.

The order in which Miss Ludington will probably call on you to speak will be as follows:

Mrs. Cunningham,	Texas
Dr. Hebard,	Wyoming
Mrs. Yost,	West Virginia
Mrs. Simons,	California
Mrs. Gannett,	Maine
Miss Moriarty,	Ohio
Mrs. Slade,	New York
" Senator Robinson,	Colorado

Speaking points for the hearing are enclosed herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth McIntire Dadourian

Director, Information Bureau.

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## SPEAKING POINTS

### I. For Women from Non-Voting States.

- a. Only 36 states have ratified. No woman in Non-Suffrage state can vote. Bring home how this affects your states.
- b. Overwhelming public sentiment for Suffrage. Should one state be able to balk this?

### II. For Women from Voting States.

- a. No women are fully enfranchised until all women are enfranchised.
- b. Woman moving from enfranchised to un-enfranchised state loses her vote.
- c. Women watching to see how the two old parties deal with this great issue on human freedom.

Parties must make no mistake as to depth of women's feeling on question of enfranchisement. Men say "Women will not remember a little thing like this". Have men forgotten the Revolution and the Declaration of Independence? Parties are being weighed in the balance. In Connecticut, it is the Republican party that will be held responsible.

### III. General Arguments for Connecticut Men and Women.

#### A. Strength of demand in this state.

103,000 women have petitioned.  
Legislature has petitioned.  
Democratic and Republican parties have declared for it.  
Press of the state is overwhelmingly for it.  
478 leading Republicans have petitioned for it.  
Large state organizations, such as Grange, Federation of Women's Clubs, etc. have declared for it.  
Long list of leading men, including Wm. Howard Taft, are working for it.

- b. Fundamental right of the people to have their elected representative meet and act on this question.
- c. What constitutes a "special emergency"?
- d. Governor Holcomb has twice called special sessions. Once when Connecticut men were in service on the Mexican Border; once during the great war. Each time the object of the session was specifically to prevent Connecticut citizens from being deprived of the opportunity to vote in the next coming election. The Governor is now asked to call a special session to prevent 300,000 Connecticut women from being deprived of the opportunity to vote, this time in the most important presidential election of years.