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Progress on safety, education, childcare and poverty



The CA legislature recessed last Thursday in time to celebrate the long 4th of July weekend in their districts. And after all those celebrations for Founding Fathers, we have good news: **the future is female. Take it from these industrious patriots:**

Senator Loni Hancock succeeded in reducing the number of rounds of ammunition available for automatic weapons; **Senator Connie Leyva** extended Career Technical education for High School students and **Senator Holly Mitchell** led the repeal of the Maximum Family Grant which



Righteous Reads
from women thinkers and writers



Gender quotas: Do they increase the number of women in politics, party leadership positions? The answer is yes! Lauren Leatherby discusses the research [here](#).



Elizabeth Holtzman, former Congresswoman, discusses her own experiences with the glass ceiling. "Politics helps determine the kind of society we'd like to live in. And when women are not included in that conversation, or when they're marginalized or drastically

means more help for poor children.

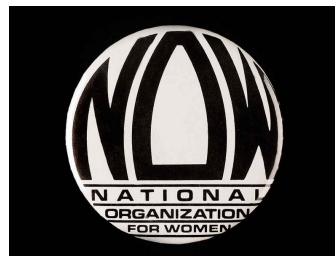
Assemblywomen Lorena Gonzales and Nora Campos authored a bill ([AB 1676](#)) to help close the wage gap. It would prohibit prospective employers from using prior salary data in negotiating salary with new hires.

Sad to say a proposed law authored by **Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson** ([SB 1166](#)) that would have provided job protection for those taking parental leave and making state paid family leave available to thousands more families died in the all male Assembly Labor Committee.

Attention labor women: step up and run.



underrepresented, it has real-world consequences for our society, for women and our families." More [here](#).



NOW (National Organization for Women) celebrates its 50th anniversary this summer. Read up on the organization's history [here](#).



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