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Congress honors New Hampshire for political milestone

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Nobody can call the New Hampshire Senate a boys' club anymore.

A year ago, the New Hampshire Senate became the first statewide legislative body in the U.S. with a majority of women. Yesterday, the U.S. House passed H.R. 159, which honors New Hampshire for the achievement.

Thirteen of the 24 state senators in New Hampshire are women.

According to numbers provided by the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University, no other state is poised to pass this threshold anytime soon.

Overall, Colorado has the most women in their state Legislature with 39% of the seats in the Senate and House occupied by women. New Hampshire is second with 37%. South Carolina has the lowest number of women in its state Legislature with 10%, and no women in its state Senate.

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