

January 31, 1997

**MEMO**

To: Senator Dole  
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Re: **Interview Request for History of ADA**

Attached is an interview request on ADA you sent to me. My recommendation is that you ask that questions be submitted in writing, and that you respond in writing. (Of course, I am available to help draft any answers.) Incidentally, Senator Harkin was also contacted to participate in this project -- and answered questions in writing.

By way of background, as you may recall, the first ADA bill was introduced in the 100th Congress on April 28, 1988. Senator Weicker was the principle sponsor; you were an original co-sponsor. The Congress adjourned without acting. (Weicker was defeated that November.)

A substantially revised ADA bill was introduced on May 9, 1989, in the 101st Congress. You testified before the Labor Committee on May 10, 1989, and the key negotiating session was held in your conference room on July 28, 1989. Present were Senators Dole, Harkin, Hatch, Kennedy, and Durenberger; AG Thornburgh, Chief-of-Staff Sununu, Sec. of Transportation Sam Skinner, and Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy Roger Porter. At this crucial meeting, an agreement was reached on how to proceed. A full compromise was reached by July 31, 1989. Labor held a markup August 2, 1989 -- and reported 16-0. You also became a co-sponsor on August 2nd. ADA passed the Senate on September 7, 1989, 76-8.

I have requested from the National Archives some boxes of material I had archived from Mo West's files -- which may be helpful in reconstructing the history.

Let me know how you want to proceed.

P.S. Mo West had her first child several weeks ago. Mother, child, and Dad are doing well.

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April 28, 1988

Sen weicker

Dole

Aug 18

Frank will do cleanup &

to get

Jan 18 - pre - Inaugural event  
1989

S. 933

May 9, 1989

Dole did not co-sponsor at that time.

Dole reshaped 5/10/89 loop later

6/22/89 - Thornburg

→ "Famous meeting"

July 28, 1989

Dole's  
conference room

15 minutes  
last session  
2-5 hrs each

Dole,

Italian, Kennedy, Thornburg, Duvall

Sumner, Sklar, Porter (Dumaine Dole)

Agreed in principle on how to  
proceed

Staff met next day

July 31, 1989 - ~~First~~  
Full compromise

Aug 2, 1989      marking  
16-0

Sept. 7, 1989      search parcel  
76-8

Dole became co-sponsor      some 24  
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August 2, 1989

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Dear Senator Dole,

My name is Jonathan Young, and I am a Ph.D. candidate in American history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Currently I am working for the National Rehabilitation Hospital Research Center, and writing a short monograph history of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This project is funded by the National Council on Disability. Ultimately I plan to use this work toward my doctoral dissertation. The narrative history will discuss the civil rights context and legislative precedent for disability rights legislation; the role of the National Council on Disability in conceiving and drafting the first ADA legislation; the Senate's consideration of the bill, including negotiations with the Bush administration; the House's consideration of the bill; and finally President Bush's signing of the bill. The work will conclude with analytical considerations of such issues as the uniqueness of the ADA, its bipartisan support, and its utility as a model for future legislation.

My research is based both on documents and oral interviews with key actors in the ADA's passage. I have already met with many staff members, including Maureen West, and have also met with Senator Harkin, Senator Durenberger, Attorney General Richard Thornburgh, Chief Counsel Boyden Gray, and Congressman Tony Coelho. I would very much like to have the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your role in the ADA and your perspective on the bill's significance. This would give you a chance to speak directly on how the ADA should be remembered in history. It would give me a chance to obtain important information directly from one of the most crucial participants. I hope that we could find a time that would suit your schedule.

I will follow up with a phone call to check on the prospect of arranging an interview with you. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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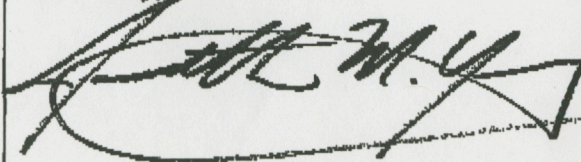
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