

~~to~~ Joan Elferink.
White House -

I'll bet I got 12 dozen
such compliments! Abby
What's the story on this?

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Dear Abby:

I usually respect your column and want to trust your information, however, I have seriously questioned your support of the E.R.A.

As a woman who has been discriminated against before the passage of the many laws outlawing sex discrimination, I expected to support the proposed amendment. After careful study of the proponents materials which shouted the dangers I vehemently opposed its passage.

The so-called facts presented in your April 24, 1978 column are a sample of the inaccurate statements made by the proponents. I will point out only one. You stated, "In all 50 states, the husband owns the farm. When he dies, his widow must pay inheritance tax." This is not true. In Indiana if the property is in joint tenancy the surviving spouse pays no Indiana inheritance tax. If the inherited property was held in the name of one spouse the surviving spouse, husband or wife, pays inheritance tax.

I suggest you check the other supposed facts you presented. Let us tell the people the truth instead of fantasies.

Sincerely,

Joan M. Gubbins

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