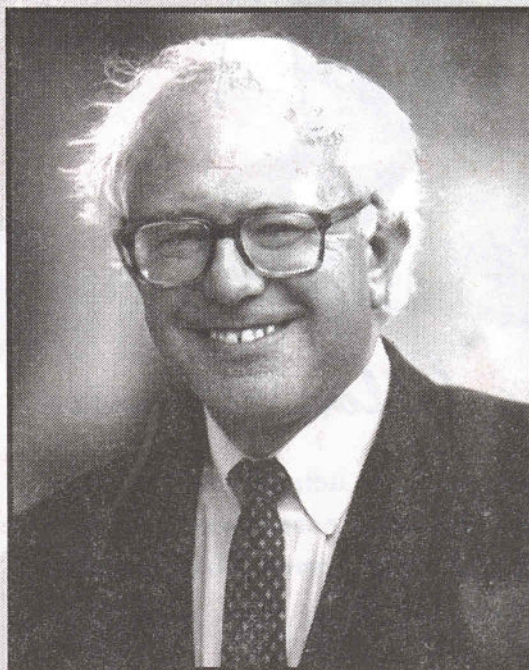


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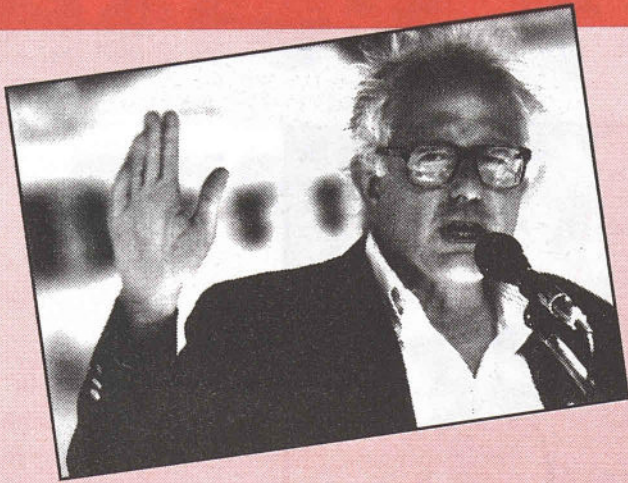
BERNIE SANDERS

One of These
Members of Congress
is Fighting to:

- ✓ **Preserve Medicare and Medicaid**
- ✓ **Create and Protect Decent-Paying Jobs**
- ✓ **Cut College Costs for Working Families**
- ✓ **Protect Veterans' Benefits**
- ✓ **Protect the Environment**
- ✓ **Balance the Budget in a Fair Way**

Hint...

It's NOT Newt.



Dear Fellow Vermonter:

For the last two years I've helped lead the fight against the radical right-wing extremists in Congress led by Newt Gingrich and Dick Armey. They have introduced legislation to:

- **cut \$270 billion from Medicare**, putting the health of our elderly at risk
- **cut \$162 billion from Medicaid**, leaving tens of thousands of Vermont children without adequate health care
- **cut \$32 billion from Veterans' programs**, abandoning those who made great sacrifices to protect America
- **cut \$10 billion in student loans**, making it harder for middle class families to send their kids to college
- **eliminate all funding for the LIHEAP fuel assistance program**, public television, and the National Endowment for the Arts
- **gut successful environmental legislation** which protects clean air, clean water, wildlife habitats and forests

And in the process, they proposed \$245 billion in tax breaks, much of it going to the richest people in America and the largest corporations. **THAT'S WRONG.** And that's why, as Chairman of the 52-member House Progressive Caucus, I've helped lead the fight against this disastrous set of priorities.

We can and should move this country toward a balanced budget, but it should not be balanced on the backs of the weakest and most vulnerable people in our society.

The United States is a great country, but there is something wrong when the richest people become richer, while the middle class continues to shrink – and thousands of Vermonters have to work 60 or 70 hours a week to provide for their families.

There is something wrong when corporate CEOs, who earn 200 times what their workers make, throw American workers out on the street and take our jobs to Third World countries like China or Mexico. There is something wrong when 80 million Americans lack adequate health insurance, and hugely profitable insurance companies and HMOs deny patients the kind of health care they need.

As the only Independent in Congress, I will continue to fight for the middle class and working families of our state against the powerful Big Money interests who dominate much of our political and economic life.

I will continue to help lead the effort against Newt Gingrich and the Republican Leadership and their absurd priorities, and will oppose President Clinton and the Democrats when they're wrong. That's what Vermonters sent me to Congress to do and, with your help, that's what I'll keep doing.

Sincerely,

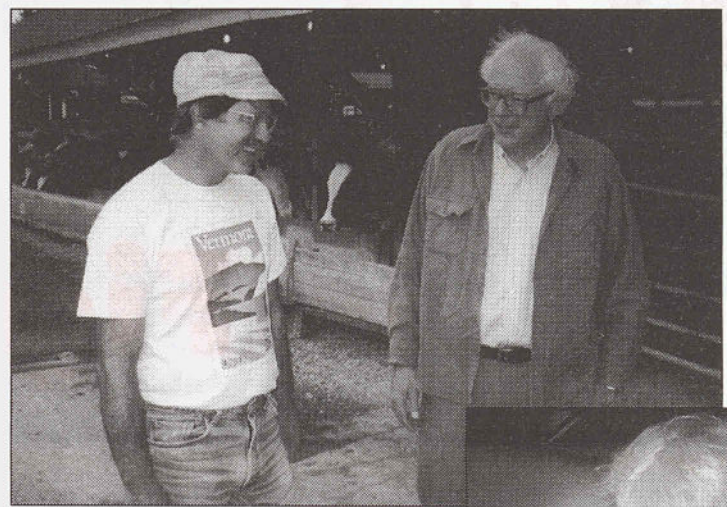
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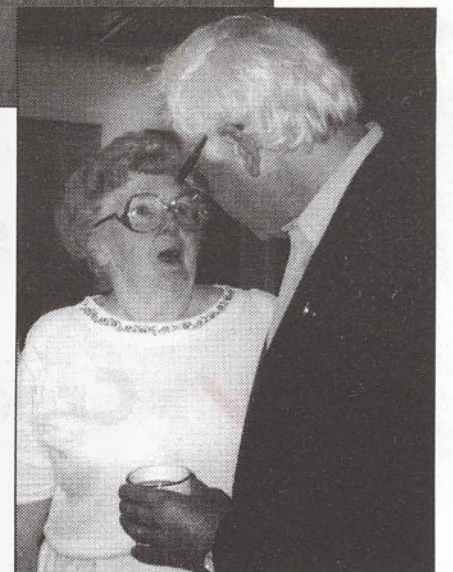
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As the only Independent in Congress, Bernie has drafted and passed legislation to:

- ✓ Create and fund the National Cancer Registry Act, which now plays a vital role in fighting cancer.



- ✓ Restore funding for LIHEAP, the fuel assistance program so important to Vermont's senior citizens.



- ✓ Create a Small State Minimum Grant for Chapter I and Special Education.

- ✓ Increase funding for affordable housing and weatherization programs.



Sanders Makes a Difference in Washington

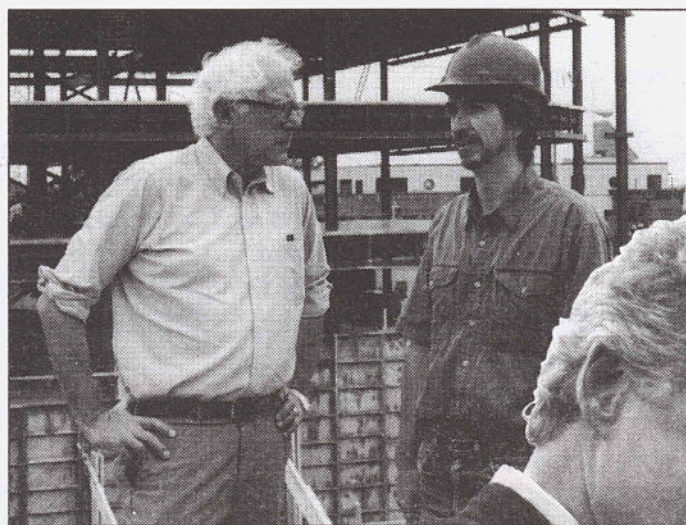
✓ Save billions of dollars in "corporate welfare" by ending tax payer-funded CEO bonuses and "payoffs for layoffs" to companies that merge and cut workers.

✓ Pay for \$4.9 billion in Small Business Initiatives by eliminating tax breaks for large overseas corporations.

✓ Stop discrimination against battered women in housing and insurance coverage.

✓ Limit taxpayer liability for the \$50 billion bailout of the Mexican peso.

✓ Restore funding for the Veterans' Court of Appeals.

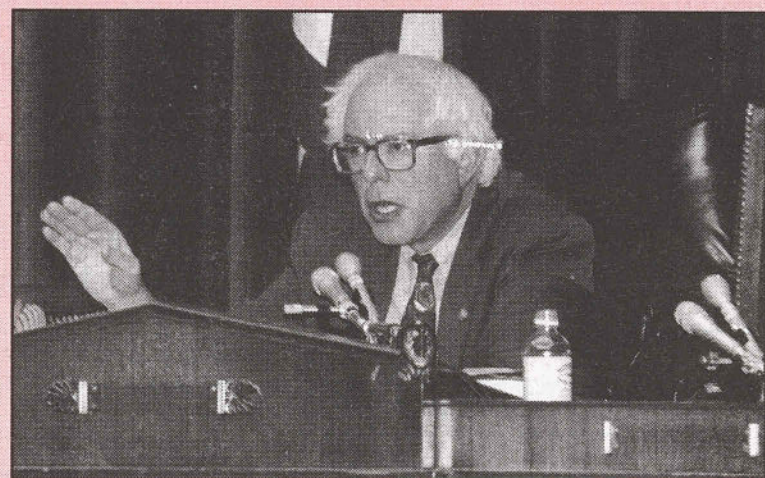


Bernie has been a leader in the most important fights in Congress:

✓ His legislation helped pave the way for Congress **to increase the minimum wage.**

✓ Along with Senators Leahy and Jeffords, he successfully **passed the Northeast Dairy Compact** which will provide Vermont farmers a fair price for their milk.

✓ His leadership efforts helped **protect veterans** from devastating federal cut-backs.

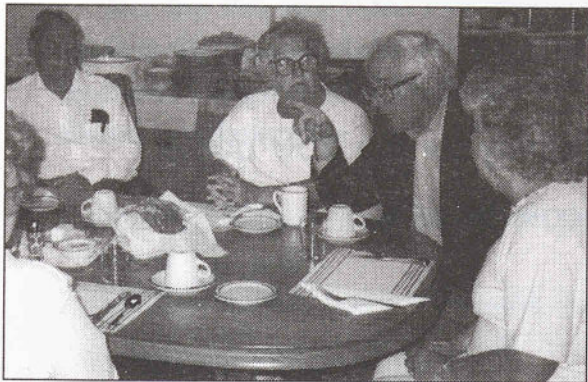


✓ He is continuing the fight to make certain that **all Americans have access to health care** as a right – including alternative health care treatments.

Here's What Vermonters are saying about Bernie:

"We have to be concerned about the influence of big business on all facets of our society. Big companies are becoming bigger and their control greater. I applaud Bernie's efforts for the working person, the middle class, and wholeheartedly support his re-election."

—Margorie A. Grant, retired, former engineering technician, Westfield



"Bernie Sanders is a real fighter for the Vermont family farmer. Working with Senators Leahy and Jeffords, he helped lead the effort to pass the Northeast Dairy Compact, which will be a real help to our farmers."

—State Representative Bobby Starr, Orleans County

"As a Republican and veterans' advocate, I'm proud to support Bernie Sanders. He understands that it is wrong to turn our backs and cut programs for the veterans of this country who have put their lives on the line to defend America."

—Jeff Hatch, USN, ret., Rutland

"At a time when many Vermont senior citizens are frightened about drastic cuts in Medicare, Medicaid and other programs which affect them, we're glad that Bernie is in Washington fighting for us. We need to keep him there."

—Marian Gray, Co-President, Older Women's League of Vermont, Montpelier

"I like Bernie's independence and his concern for the poor and most vulnerable citizens. Bernie takes the long view of what's good for our environment and our country. He always votes right."

—Bill Rutter, retired, former book publisher, White River Junction

"Bernie is an honest man. He can't be bribed by the big business PACs. He's an independent who votes for what he thinks is right."

—William J. Lederer, author of *The Ugly American* and other books, Peacham

"Bernie has been working for years to get rid of wasteful defense spending and to invest in our schools, bridges, roads, and needed housing. He's got the common sense Washington needs."

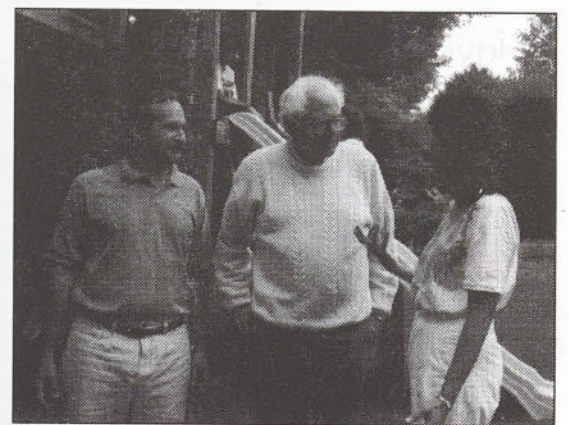
—Beth Hickok, retired, former motel owner, Bennington

"Bernie Sanders has, perhaps, the strongest pro-worker record in the U.S. Congress. He has led the effort to raise the minimum wage, and to create decent-paying jobs for Vermonters."

—Ron Pickering, President, Vermont AFL-CIO

"Bernie has led the effort for sane priorities in Congress. He has stood up to wealthy special interests, protecting families, the elderly, children and the sick. We need to send Bernie back to Congress."

—Sally Conrad, former State Senator, Chittenden County



"The last thing Vermont wants to do is give Congress another Republican soldier for Newt Gingrich. Bernie is leading the effort against Gingrich's destructive policies, and Vermonters should support him."

—State Senator Peter Shumlin, Windham County

"As a life-long hunter and trapper, I appreciate Bernie's support on sportsmen's and environmental issues."

—Bob Hoffman, Caledonia County

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