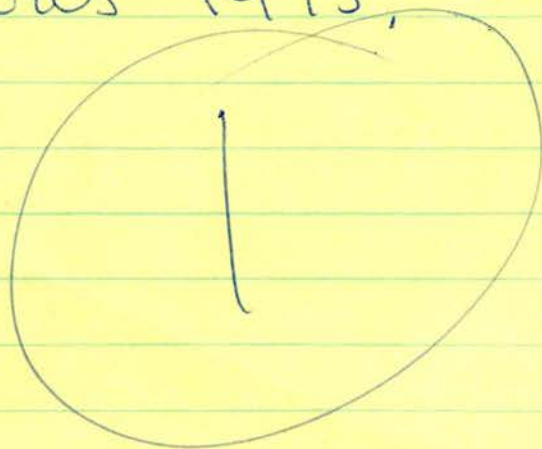


In April of 1975, the first large scale march for the ERA took place in Tallahassee, Fla.

Among the thousands who participated (many of whom are in this room today) were Betty Friedan, Marlo Thomas, Alan Alda, and Gov. Reubin Askew.

Our Governor, a man from the same panhandle that brought us Cempsey Barron, gave to those ERA marchers the lawn of the governor's mansion on which to assemble our march.

And he was at the ^{old} Capital steps as our welcoming speaker. ~~Remember~~ Remember this was 1975.



I sat on the stage (as close as possible to Alan Alda) and watched Reubin Asbew speak.

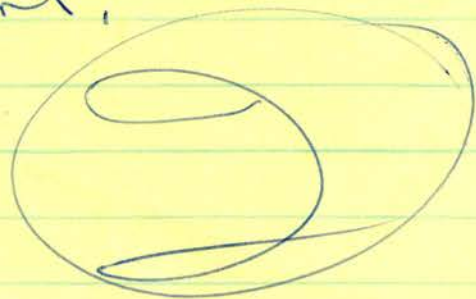
Please understand this moment is frozen in my mind's eye,

and I found myself staring at the Governor's black socks.

I can close my eyes and recapture the moment:

The thousands in the crowd...
The chants and sounds...
Alan Alda saying "Terrific,"

and my amazement that Reubin Asbew's black socks had not one single speck of lint.



On Wednesday, Feb 23, 1983, at the
National Press Club only three blocks
from the White House Rubin Askew
announced for the Presidency

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outside of Florida
Some people ~~across the country~~
asked "Reubin who"? But we
in Florida know exactly who
Reubin Arbew is.

He is regarded as one of Florida's
most capable governors, serving
two successive ~~four~~ four year terms
from 1970-1978.

He served as chair of the
National Governor's Conference, and
after leaving office he became
President Jimmy Carter's foreign
trade representative with Cabinet
status.

Following his announcement in
Washington, Gov. Arbew flew to
Tallahassee. He ~~apologized~~ apologized
for being late.

"We had a headwind," he said,
"but that's no new experience
for me."

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Reubin Askew has demonstrated that he flies well against a headwind and has a tradition of still arriving first.

May I present to you the man whom both Alan Alda and I think is "Terrific":

Governor Reubin Askew

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