

Very little has been said about women candidates elected to the State House of Representatives in the recent election. But three new women candidates were elected in open seats to bring the total of women to 14 or 7 percent in the House.

This figure in itself may not seem earth shattering, but it will represent the largest number of women to have ever served at one time in the House. Progress is slow but perceptible.

The current breakdown of nine GOP women State Representatives and their five Democrat counterparts shows the slow but continuing entrance of women into the political process of the state^{at} legislative level.

After the 1984 election when a woman was nominated for Vice President and another here in Pennsylvania for Auditor General, ^{with effort being made to correct that part of the situation} advancement of women into the political process seemed to take a back seat in 1986 to the negative campaign ads ~~in~~ ^{attending to the} 1986.

But women are edging their way into the General Assembly, and this is good for the people of Pennsylvania.

^{was an} As Chairman of the House Republican Campaign Committee, I ^{for} have been advocate of getting women to come forth and stand for election for public offices at all levels of government. ^{where cand. bases are added.}