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**THE MARCH** Δ At 8 am, lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders and their supporters began descending upon the blocks around the Washington Monument by the hundreds of thousands. They wandered in bewilderment, searching for friends, long-lost acquaintances, and the delegation they wanted to march with. A morning rally featured speeches by luminaries Phil Donahue, Jesse Jackson, JoAnne Loulan and Patrick Lee. Entertainers included the Washington Sisters, Ru Paul, The Windy City Gay Men's Chorus, Jamie Anderson, Fred Small and more. The rally was a needed distraction to while away the hours until your contingent stepped off.

Most groups waited for hours in the hot sun for their turn to march. Oregon, which was 16th out of 100 contingents, waited over two hours to move. There were so many people that at 5 pm, March on Washington Co-chair Derrick Livingston instructed the remaining 20 contingents to just go and join the rally. The last contingent, Dykes on Bikes, never got to participate.

At 2 pm, all of the participating ACTUP contingents staged a die-in that lasted seven minutes. Our own ACTUP/Columbia organized marchers in front of the White House to die at exactly 2 pm. It was described as a domino effect as marchers fell to the ground to dramatize the fact that an AIDS-related death occurs every seven minutes.

March-watchers lined the route, perched on statues, fountains, sign posts, trees and every available vantage point. A few fundamentalist Christians, bearing a "Repent or Perish" message, made a visible obscenity along the route. They were corralled by police, as marchers went past shouting, "Shame, shame, shame."



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