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**Collegiality and Respect**

Recollections of collegiality among Members.

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One thing I do remember was as, as heated as the arguments might get on the dais, I remember Members walking out arm in arm, laughing, going over to the Capitol Hill Club to have a drink. I don't know that they do that now, but they did that then. And whatever happened on the committee, their purpose was to focus on their district and the country, how it plays in the big picture. And this was how they thought about it, this was their stance on it, and this is what they were willing to do. And you respect that. And this is how I'm going to vote, and this is why I'm going to vote that way. And they, the other person would totally disagree, and the arguments, not nasty, but they would be heated. And, somebody would always lose. But there was a respect born because someone would say, "This is why I'm doing it, and I'm going to continue to do it, and this is what I believe." And those are the people that kind of rose to the surface, and you could see other people kind of looking toward them.