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Treatment as a Page and Speaker John McCormack of Massachusetts

Account of meeting Speaker John McCormack of Massachusetts on the Speaker's Rostrum.

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The first day, yes. Obviously. It was headlines and light bulbs and things like that: little, little kid glove treatment. You know, finding me a place to stay, you know, taking me to lunch, stuff like that. That was...but after that, the honeymoon was over. I was just one of the boys. A couple of the Congressmen made an effort to introduce themselves, to welcome me, and make sure I felt comfortable. I remember one of the bigger thrills I had, even though I worked on the GOP side, which was the minority, the Speaker of the House, John McCormack, called me up to his big chair. And I'm like, "What does he want? What do you mean he wants me up there?" I went up. And he just wanted to welcome me to Washington and the Hill, and shake my hand and say, you know, good luck, which was a big thrill to me. I mean, you've got all of the House of Representatives looking at you. I mean, it wasn't over the microphones or anything. There was some business being conducted, and he did this silently to everybody in the room, but everybody could see it. It was just a huge thrill for me. I mean, I've always been, even as a youngster, somewhat of a political junkie. So, this fell right into my dream, I guess.