

## **The Honorable John Dingell, Jr., of Michigan**

### **Singing in the Well**

Memories of singing in the House Chamber with Representative Louis Rabaut of Michigan.

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And the House continuously waited for the Senate. The Senate was never, never ready to go. And so, there was a wonderful old gentleman by the name of Louis Rabaut from Michigan. He was a Belgian, a great friend of my dad's. Was elected two years after Dad. And he would go down to the well, and every delegation come down and sing. He loved singing. His one son and about eight daughters, with the exception of one daughter, all became priests or nuns in the Catholic Church. And we would, every once in a while, go over to dinner over to the Rabaut's, and my mother would always say, "Now, Jack, no singing at the table!" And so the first thing that happened is, Louis Rabaut would get up and say, "Well, we're all going to have a song." So he'd start singing. Louis was a very close friend. When I was elected to Congress, he was part of a very close-knit delegation. Was the dean of the delegation.