

## **Glenn Rupp**

### **The Little Congress**

Description of the staff organization, the Little Congress.

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RUPP:

And they were mostly congressional secretaries, but there were Pages, and there were doorkeepers, and there were elevator operators, messengers in the post office, anybody on the government payroll, legislative payroll, could join for \$2. And we would debate bills before they arrived in the House and Senate. We'd get them from the Government Printing Office, or the document room, and debate them in the old Cannon Building.

JOHNSON:

This was called the Little Congress Club?

RUPP:

Little Congress, yes.

JOHNSON:

Okay. How often did you meet?

RUPP:

We initially met once a month, and then it was changed. Johnson wanted it to be more active, so he had us come in once a week. And we would debate, and we'd have visiting guests come in and speak to us, like Senators or committee chairmen in the House, and so forth, or prominent Congressmen, or Senators.