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Congressional Baseball Game: Part One

Memories of the Congressional Baseball Game during the 1950s.

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Actually, I was a batboy twice. I was, in 1954 and in 1955. I remember in '54, my best friend on the team- we played at, they played at Griffith Stadium. My best friend that I made that night was Congressman Pat Jennings from Virginia, who later became Clerk of the House. And I, it was the only night I ever called him Pat and he called me George and I called him Pat. But I did it for two years in a row and it was great fun. We had two pitchers. The starting pitcher was Gene McCarthy. Eugene McCarthy, Senator McCarthy. And he wasn't the best pitcher in the world. The Republicans knocked him out. And then probably the best athlete on the team came on the field and took over the pitching. That was Stewart Udall, who went on to serve in President Kennedy's cabinet from . . . Of course, his younger brother was Morris Udall. But there were some interesting characters. We lost the first game in '54, but I believe we won in '55. But there was really- I mean, it was intense. Mendel Rivers was on the team. Huey Addonizio, who later on became Mayor of Newark. Dante Fascell from Miami was on the team. Congressman Fountain from North Carolina. And some of them were pretty good ballplayers. Some of them weren't.