

Civil Rights

Representative Bill McCulloch, Part One **Robert Kimball, Legislative Assistant, Representative John V. Lindsay of New York**

Robert Kimball remembers Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Bill McCulloch of Ohio.

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He was great. He was a great Member. He was probably the great unsung hero of the legislation. He was a caring individual. He had early on in his life—he'd grown up in Ohio, and once he graduated law school, he went down to Florida, and he saw a lot of prejudice and discrimination in, in the state of Florida, and it troubled him. So, for someone who had so few blacks in his district, he was an amazingly strong advocate of civil rights legislation. And he cared about it very deeply. So, I think in that respect, he, he, you know, earned the admiration and respect of a great many people. He was a, a great fellow, I got to know him well, I got to work with him very closely. And I really, really, admired him tremendously. He was quiet, he was self-effacing, he could be funny at times. His little comments to me, and to others, were amusing. He would tease me, and I appreciated that. And I appreciated his principles. He was basically conservative, but on this legislation, and on civil rights in general, he was out front, and, and a leader. And it was fortunate for the country that he was the Ranking Republican on the committee during the legislative battle.