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Duties of a House Page

Description of the responsibilities of House Pages during the 1940s.

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Well, initially, I was a Page. You know, we delivered messages. We, as you know, on the House floor, each seat has a button. And if a Congressman wanted a Page to run an errand, he would press that button. And it would be the duty of the Page Overseer to assign the next Page up, to cover that seat, where the you know, where the button was pressed. So, we did errands for Congressmen. We went to House Document Rooms to get past bills and current bills, *et cetera*. We took messages over to the House Office Building. And it sometimes they would the House Office Building would call, and we would go and get, apparently, letters that the Congressmen had written, but would bring them to him on the floor, and he would sign them. So they could get them in the mail. So we did a essentially, we were messengers, carrying messages.