Get more out of your Capitol tour. Take your visitors to the basement rotunda of the Cannon House Office Building to see *How the House Works*, an exhibition about the diverse work of the House of Representatives.

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With the app you can

- Explore a 3-D image of the House Mace from all angles.
- Show visitors how the legislative bell system works.
- Listen to the first African-American woman on the Capitol Police force talk about her experiences.
- Watch a former Committee staff describe NFL players appearing as witnesses.
- Dive into the details of historic photos.

*How the House Works* is presented by the Clerk of the House’s Office of Art and Archives.

Visit the History, Art & Archives website, **history.house.gov/work**, for more information about the House and the *How the House Works* exhibition.

**HOW THE HOUSE WORKS**

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**Legislative Light Panel:** A light panel from the 1960s alerted Members to activities on the House Floor through blinking and buzzing signals that are still used today.

**Mace:** A detailed replica of the House Mace, a staff that marks the authority of the Sergeant at Arms and the House. In the app, see the mace from all angles in a 3-D image.

**Portable Typewriter:** The high volume of correspondence to and from House offices made portable typewriters indispensable tools for many years. By the early twenty-first century, computers and email made typewriters a rarity. In the app, hear a former staffer’s tales of letter writing.

**Fithian Lapel Pin:** A rotary telephone dial pin promoted Congressman Floyd Fithian’s “action line” in the 1970s, a toll-free number for constituents to communicate with their lawmaker.

**Committee Witness Timer:** To control the speaking time of legislators and witnesses in House committee hearings, a witness timer from the 1970s colorfully indicated when to speak (green), sum up (amber), and cease (red). In the app, hear an interview with former committee staff about NFL players serving as hearing witnesses in the 1970s.

**Cornerstone Ceremony Program:** Laying the cornerstone in 1906 for the first House Office Building, later named for Speaker Joseph Cannon, involved speeches, music, and an elaborate printed program.

**Bowler Hat:** Recent Cannon House Office Building renovations uncovered several artifacts, including a bowler hat. A worker likely lost it 100 years ago during the building’s construction. See the app for before and after conservation images of this hat and other finds from the building renovation.

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