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The Long Struggle for Representation: Oral Histories of African Americans in Congress

“Beginning of My Career”

Roger Addison outlines some of the responsibilities he held when he moved furniture for the House.
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The responsibilities—I don’t know if you know, every Congress, everything shifts, all the Members—not all of them, but the majority of them move. When the new ones move they get better locations or like to stay where you are. So that was our main function, is to make sure that the offices of Members and committees were set up to their specification and their needs. Also a lot of people may not know of—not even notice—when they have committee meetings and things, those rooms are set up daily and there’s a certain way in how you set each chair and the numbers and everything. And that was a daily task that we would do. That was, that was in the beginning of my career. So, yeah, basically, we would move that furniture, keep it moving.