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

#### **Preparing for a Move**

Roger Addison explains the logistical side of helping Members of Congress move offices.

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Working in the, for Office of Furnishings—I think they're called the Office of Logistics now—Office Furnishings, from, from the shops to the laborers, to the supervisors, it was one big family, you know. One, it's, it's like a well-oiled machine. If the machine breaks down, everything stops. So everyone has to be in sync on what you're doing, especially during the moves. People don't know the work that go in that those guys do when it comes to moving that furniture. You have to basically know how to read blueprints, how they want to set up—so that's even another part of the plan that I'm not too familiar with, the guys who write up the blueprints to show you where each piece of furniture is to go. So you had to be pretty, pretty knowledgeable in knowing how to read blueprints and things. Put that furniture in there and put it in there in the time, in time, you know. We can move an office in, in a couple of hours and have it set up and the Members can go in and take care of the business of the House.