

The Honorable Paul Kanjorski
U.S. Representative of Pennsylvania (1985–2011)

Events: 1954 Shooting

Reaction of the Pages

Representative Kanjorski shares his memories of the reaction of the House Pages to the violence.
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You know, as I recall now, there was... other than among the very close friends that had participated in it, no one really talked much about it. We didn't consider whether we'd go back to work, or do anything. It was just—it was one day in many days that we experienced. I think in a way, it shows the level of sophistication that high school students had elevated themselves to, having that job. They were able to handle it in stride, didn't particularly think it great. We were all in the throes of preparing to go on to college. We were getting ready to graduate, and we were doing our final things in school for that purpose. But everything was generated in enthusiasm around operating the Congress, and this was a very heavy time of the session, when the appropriation bills were starting to go through and there were only three or four months left, because we got out of session early then. There were just maybe three or four months left after this, so we got right back into it. I would say in a matter of a week, it was somewhat forgot about.