

## **The Honorable John Dingell, Jr., of Michigan**

### **Diverse Responsibilities**

Description of the various duties of a Page.

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I was a documentarian for a while. I handled the doors. They had Pages on the doors. I had the responsibility of, as I say, taking people on tours of the Capitol, if a Member had that. I had the responsibility of running errands from the bench when I started. That was usually where you started. Sometimes I worked in the cloakroom, which was where you handled the telephones. That was a pretty responsible undertaking. I did just about everything that the Pages did. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn what happens in the Congress, and about the Members, and watch the Members, and see how the smart ones conducted themselves. And I remember a lot of the Pages would stand at the railing to watch to see what was going on in the debates, and try to understand what all happened.