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First Day as a Page

Recollections of media attention and memories of Speaker of the House Carl Albert of Oklahoma.
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LOOPER:

Oh, well yes, I can remember getting up and putting on my suit and doing my hair and putting on these new shoes and going in and then of course there was all of the press coverage that first day...people asking me all these questions that I wasn't really sure how to answer. They asked you a question and then they'd leave the microphone in front of your face and nobody told me that this is a tactic to get you to say more. I was so totally clueless.

JOHNSON:

What kinds of questions did they ask you, do you remember?

LOOPER:

Oh, I'm trying to remember. Off the top of my head I don't remember, but they were things like, "How do you feel about being here," and those kinds of things. And I was just hugely excited. Mr. [Carl] Albert was just terrific. He was such a sweetheart and so supportive of me. And just a delightful man. So I spent some time in his office for some photography ops and then we took a tour, and I went down with the Pages to meet them and be with them on the first day, and to get the lay of the land and to see what was expected of me and meet and greet sort of thing.