

## George W. Andrews III

### Last Day as a House Page

Lasting House Page memories.

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I remember the last day that I was a Page, just as I remember the first day I was a Page. But I remember being out on the floor looking for a Member. You know, back in those days, communications on the Hill was by the bell system. If you had to show up for a roll call vote or a quorum call, you'd hear two or three bells ring all through the Capitol and the House Office Buildings, and you knew to go to the floor. The signal for adjournment was four bells. And on my last day as a Page, as adjournment approached, I was out on the floor looking for a Member when we adjourned. And the documentarian Pages were responsible for ringing the bells. And I'd never forget. I was on the aisle. I'd never forget those four bells ringing that day. And it passed through my mind, "This is probably the last moment that you will ever be on the House Floor when it's in session." And I can still hear those four bells, loudly and clearly. And I'm glad that I had the sense to appreciate that moment, and I'd always be thankful that I had the opportunity to serve in the United States Congress. It is a, it is a magnificent experience.