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Training a Future President

Memories of training future President Lyndon Baines Johnson as a House doorkeeper during the 1930s.

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The Doorkeeper [Joe Sinnott] came to me and said, "We're having a new doorkeeper that's going to work on the door here. I want him—you to introduce him to everyone, and he'll be working for you." And I said, "Fine." And he said, "Will you do it?" And I said, "Sure, I'll do it. Love to do it." I said, "Who is he? What's his name?" He said, "Lyndon Johnson." I said, "Lyndon Johnson?" I said, "I've known him since he arrived in Washington." So he came and worked the rest of the session on the door with me. And I took him in and introduced him to Congressmen on the floor, and went up and down each aisle, seat, told him who they were, introduced him to the reporters, and a lot of things like that.