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Becoming a Page: Part One

Albert R. Anness recalls learning of House Pages in his high school civics book.
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If memory serves me, it was in the fall of 1947 that, for some infraction of the rules, I was being held in detention after school in Hamilton High School. Having no constructive purpose in mind, and absolutely no desire to complete my homework assignments, I was glancing around the room for something to read when I spotted a civics textbook. Out of sheer boredom, I began thumbing through its pages and, by chance, came upon a chapter outlining the function of the United States Congress, including a photograph of a House Page at work. Underneath the photo was a brief explanation of his duties. Immediately I said to myself, "That's for me," and I spent the remaining hour of my incarceration trying to figure how I could get from Hamilton, to Washington, D.C.