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Becoming a Page: Part Two

Albert R. Anness describes his political experience that led to his House Page appointment.
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However, at the Philadelphia convention, President Truman had promised the Democrats that he and Senator Barkley would win, and win they did! Also elected to Congress that fall was Edward G. Breen. During the campaign I worked for Ed Gardner, who was running the Democratic campaign in Butler County, and I also helped Richard Wilmer get elected to the Ohio state senate. After the election, Ed Gardner, unbeknown to me, put in a good word for me with, with, for me with Congressman Breen. During the course of that fall, I had decided that my talents were better applied in some pursuit other than taking up space at Hamilton Public High School, and became an apprentice printer at the Ohio Casualty Insurance Company in Hamilton. My plans to be a congressional Page remained, and, if I received an appointment, would enroll in the Capitol Page School and resume my formal education. It was just after President Truman gave his State of the Union speech before the Joint Session of Congress that I, that I was requested to report the Monday morning to Congressman Breen's office on Capitol Hill. Sunday afternoon, I boarded a Greyhound bus and headed for Washington, D.C. and Capitol Hill.