

**The Honorable Clarence J. “Bud” Brown Jr.**  
**U.S. Representative of Ohio (1965–1983)**

**“Chewing Gum on the Floor”**

Representative Brown recalls interacting with Ohio Congresswoman Frances Bolton.  
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**BROWN:** I remember Frances Bolton well. She was sort of awe-inspiring. She came walking across the floor of the House one day, and I knew she was headed for me, and I couldn't figure out what she wanted to say to me. And I asked her. I said, “Mrs. Bolton, is there something you wanted to tell me?” And she said, “Yes, I don't think somebody of your stature should be chewing gum on the floor of the House of Representatives.”

**WASNIEWSKI:** Was this when you were in Congress, or was this prior to that?

**BROWN:** It was, it was when I was in Congress because I think I was in my first term, but, after my Dad passed away. But the point of that visit was that she stayed for, I think, two or three terms after that. She was from Cleveland, and I once called her office to ask her secretary whether she owned a plant in Springfield where I was going to make a speech to the foremen or the other group of people who were involved in running the plant. And I asked the secretary, I said, “Can you find out from Mrs. Bolton whether she owns that property, so I can make mention of her in the course of my speech there?” And the woman called me back later and she said, “Mrs. Bolton doesn't know what she owns, she's just very wealthy.” So I didn't use the fact, but I thought of having the opportunity to say, “One of my colleagues in Ohio owns this plant.”