

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

Listening to Colleagues

Representative Brown discusses the value of going to the House Floor to listen to speeches.
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I think the relationships then were a lot easier between different views because the views themselves were not as, as divided. In the first place, the Congress was not in session from January to December as it is today. And the other thing is that you've got all sorts of other means of communication that mean, that means that people don't go over and listen to the vote. I can remember one of my Ohio colleagues went over to listen to Wilbur Mills explain the tax spending bill and was sitting there. And I was quite interested in his proposal and his presentation. One of my, one of my younger members of the Ohio delegation said, "You really go for this stuff, don't you, Brown?" And what he meant—I didn't use the right word there. And I said, "Yes, I like it." And he said, "Stick with it," and walked off. Because I thought I was learning something about, from somebody like Wilbur Mills before Wilbur got into other troubles. But he was, he was a genius in his responsibility at the time.