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“Judge Deschler”

Joseph Hillings remembers Parliamentarian Lew Deschler.

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Big man. Big man. Big voice. You know, very commanding presence, although of course, when he was on the floor when he—I mean there were other Parliamentarians, other assistant parliamentarians, but he was the name. He was a name. He was like a virtuoso. So we all, I mean we all knew who he was. Later, when I was interviewed, because I had to go through an interview process before they named me as an assistant journal clerk, I had to go down and see “Judge Deschler,” as we called him. And he, you know, put me through my paces. He wanted to know—he wanted me to understand about the ethics of the House, what my practice of those ethics was going to be, and, you know, the faithfulness to your duties, and this sort of thing. I mean he was like big daddy.