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Learning without Textbooks

Recollections of learning from Representative Edna Kelly of New York and other Congresswomen.

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We always were close to each other and she shared a lot of information with me and I went out with a lot of the Democratic Congresswomen when they were together and listened in. I didn't repeat or I didn't say too much about what I was learning, I took, it was osmosis. And so let me at an age, at an early age of 15, 16, 17, 18, up in that, to, to know more about what was going on in the world and in our country. And that was right after World War II, you know, so there was a lot to be done for veterans and so forth and we got many, many phone calls at home. We always had a phone that was open for everybody to call and I sometimes got on the phone and I directed a couple of people, "You aren't supposed to be calling the Congresswoman, you should be calling the state assemblyman, that's a state matter." So with my history and all of, in the party and with my mother and everything I learned a lot that way without reading textbooks about it all.