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Objects: La Salle Stenotype Machine

Going Paperless

Joe Strickland recollects procuring paperless machines for the House.
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I'll never forget. You notice my machine's paperless. Even when machines went computer, they still produced paper. And that paper was our backup. But we never really used it because it was all—remember floppy disk? It was all going in, onto a floppy disk, and we would pop the floppy disk into the computer, and translate everything, and toss the notes in the, in the drawer. And I'll never forget the day I made the recommendation that we, you know, we need to upgrade our equipment, and we need to get paperless machines. And we had to have a meeting on the House Floor with, with representatives of the Speaker's Office, and the Parliamentarian's Office, and the Clerk's Office, and everybody. And I had to demonstrate the machine. And I said, "It's the same machine. It's just we don't need the paper." "Well, what's your backup?" And I said, "Well, our backup is three SD cards," and you know, we, we, it's just as technology changes, everybody has to sort of get on board. And it's a, it's a communal effort here in the House. And they thumbs, they gave me a thumbs up and we bought the new machines. And we haven't had paper machines here since, so.