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## **Objects: La Salle Stenotype Machine**

### **House Schedule: Part Two**

Joe Strickland recalls the longest day he ever worked.  
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I was going to say the worst day of my floor reporting was in, I think it was '96, but don't hold me to that. But the government shutdown. It was in a government shutdown. And we were in, I came to work at 9:30, and I left the next day at 11:45 because they went all night, all through the night into the next day. And we just kept going up for another turn and going up for another turn. And the Members were tired and everything. My boss said, "Go home, take a nap. Take a shower. Be back at 1:30." So I got off at 11:30, and I was back on the record at 1:30. And then we were in session again until late that night, so. But that only happened once, which is why I'm telling this story, because I'll never forget it. It's the tireddest I've ever been. But, and, and you know, the hours on the floor can be really, really, really late. But there's no traffic when you get off, so that's good. That's good.